

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010**

Commissioner Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney.

Election of Chair 1-5-10-01 Commissioner Johnson asked for nominations for 2010 County Board Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Remiger. Commissioner Johnson asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Remiger for 2010 County Board Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Vice Chair 1-5-10-02 Chairperson Remiger asked for nominations for 2010 County Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Sherlin nominated Commissioner Wambeke. Chairperson Remiger asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Wambeke for 2010 County Board Vice Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approve Agenda 1-5-10-03 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following addition: 2009 solid waste activity report as an informational item. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 Organizational Business:

Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 1-5-10-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the list of committee, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2010. Motion carried with all voting in favor. A complete list of appointments is on file with the County Administrator.

Meeting Dates and Times 1-5-10-05 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set regular County Board meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. and Family Service Board meetings for the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Official Newspaper 1-5-10-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to designate The Canby News as the official county newspaper for 2010. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gopher Bounty 1-5-10-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to set the gopher bounty at \$2 per gopher for 2010. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Mileage Reimbursement 1-5-10-08 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set the 2010 county mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS mileage rate. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Meal Reimbursement 1-5-10-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to set the 2010 meal and tip reimbursement amount at \$33 per day. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Forfeit Fees 1-5-10-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 01-2010 as presented authorizing 20% of the tax-forfeit fees remaining after the

apportionments required under M.S. 282.05, Subdivisions 1 through 4, to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 1-5-10-11 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve charging the actual costs of the County Attorney's Office services provided to Human Services to the Human Service Fund. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Appoint Planning Commission Members 1-5-10-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission for three year terms starting in 2010: Gary Geihl, Tom Massmann and Tim Velde. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

SW Emergency Medical Services Per Diem 1-5-10-13 Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the SW Emergency Medical Services Corporation no longer pays per diems to its Board members and that the County's appointed representative, Larry Stoks, was requesting the per diem be paid by the County. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to table the request to allow further time to determine if the County is authorized to make the requested per diem payment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Minimum County Sheriff's Salary for 2011 Term 1-5-10-14 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 02-2010 as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 387.20 subd. 2(b) states that at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the Office of County Sheriff the County Board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Sheriff for the term next following.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners sets the minimum salary for the Office of County Sheriff for the elected term beginning in 2011 at \$54,730.96 (Grade 25, Step 1 of the 2010 Yellow Medicine County Compensation Study's salary schedule) plus any cost of living adjustment approved by the County Board for 2011. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

Minimum County Attorney Salary for 2011 Term 1-5-10-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 03-2010 as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 388.18 subd. 2 states that at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the Office of County Attorney the County Board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Attorney for the term next following.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners sets the minimum salary for the Office of County Attorney for the elected term beginning in 2011 at \$63,357.93 (Grade 28, Step 1 of the 2010 Yellow Medicine County Compensation Study's salary schedule) plus any cost of living adjustment approved by the County Board for 2011. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

Yellow Medicine River Watershed Board Appointment 1-5-10-16 Two people submitted applications for one position on the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Board. The applicants were Douglas Albin from Friendship Township and Corey Hoffman from Wergeland Township. The Board reviewed the applications from each person. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Corey Hoffman to the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Board. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson and Remiger voting against.

Consent Agenda 1-05-10-17 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the December 29, 2009, County Board meeting; government data practices forms and guides as presented; Social Worker – Child Protection Specialist position description; 2010-11 MN Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs grant agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Antony had no reports. Commissioner Wambeke had no reports. Commissioner Remiger updated the Board on the tax status of the Hanley Falls Fire Hall. County Assessor Connie Erickson has determined that state statutes do allow the Hanley Falls Fire Hall to be a tax exempt property because it is devoted to a public use and will not be sub-leased to an individual or association. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Five. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Canby Depot.

Department Reports: None

Regular Agenda:

Human Service Contract Insurance Limits The Board was informed that addendums to recently approved Human Services contracts would be presented to the Board at a future meeting for approval. The contract addendums will state the correct liability insurance coverage limits needed for the contracts.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 1-05-10-18 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$148,656.12 Revenue Fund, \$118,134.45 Road and Bridge Fund, \$572.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The Board reviewed the 2009 solid waste and recycling services activity report from Lyon County Environmental Services.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

The Board recessed for a break at 9:40 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Other Business:

Legislative Discussion State Representatives Falk and Koenen and Senator Kubly met with the Board to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

Adjourn 1-05-10-19 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Jane Remiger, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer