

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010**

Chairperson Jane Remiger 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 Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

Approve Agenda 5-11-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add April investment and jail reports to the informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 5-11-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the April 27, 2010, County Board meeting; SW/WC Service Cooperative joint powers agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and the RDC revolving loan fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie 5, Countryside Public Health's SHIP and the RDC. Commissioner Remiger reported on Countryside Public Health's supporting hands nurse program. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the mental health LAC. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections and the Southwest Regional Radio Board.

Department Reports

County Assessor's Department County Assessor Connie Erickson gave an overview of the 2010 County property assessment. The total taxable market value of the County increased by about \$200,000 from 2009 to 2010 to a total value of about \$1.9 billion. There was \$8.1 million in new construction in the 2010 assessment. About 84% of the County's total property market value is classified as agriculture.

Abatement Request: Paul Hauge, City of Clarkfield, Parcel #32-480-0405 County Assessor Erickson informed the Board that property owner Paul Hauge from the City of Clarkfield had not signed the tax abatement request for parcel #32-480-0405. The abatement was being requested due to an extension of the homestead classification. The request was tabled until the proper paperwork was provided from Mr. Hauge.

Abatement Request: Gary Lentz, Sioux Agency Township, Parcel #16-003-2010 5-11-10-03 County Assessor Erickson recommended approval of a tax abatement request for parcel #16-003-2010, owned by Gary Lentz, Sioux Agency Township, due to a reclassification of the parcel from residential/rural vacant land to agricultural. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the tax abatement for parcel #16-003-2010 due to a reclassification of the parcel from residential/rural vacant land to agricultural. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Regular Agenda

Approve bid for S.A.P. 87-605-12 and 87-617-13 5-11-10-04 County Engineer Andy Sander presented four bids for grading, aggregate base and bituminous surfacing on CSAH 5 from the west County line to U.S. Highway 59 and CSAH 17 from CSAH 8 to Hazel Run. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the low bid of \$2,275,016.02 submitted by McLaughlin & Schultz, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-605-12 and 87-617-13. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Bids are on file at the Granite Falls County Highway Department Office.

Approve Equipment Operator Hiring 5-11-10-05 Engineer Sander and Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks recommended hiring Bruce Hoepner to fill a vacant equipment operator position. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the hiring of Bruce Hoepner as a full-time equipment operator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Highway Department Seasonal Help 5-11-10-06 Engineer Sander and Maintenance Supervisor Stoks requested approval to hire seasonal help for the Highway Department. The Board discussed if the position(s) should be advertised or if previous part-time help should be brought back. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to authorize Engineer Sander to hire seasonal help for 2010 and let the County Engineer determine if the position(s) need to be advertised or if existing part-time help would be used. Motion carried with Commissioners Wambeke, Sherlin and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioners Antony and Johnson voting against.

Reappraisal of Tax Forfeited Parcel #36-019-3040 – City of Hazel Run (Valley Oil Company) 5-11-10-07 County Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde requested a reappraisal of tax forfeited parcel #36-019-3040. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to reappraise tax forfeited parcel #36-019-3040 from \$100 to \$50. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Forfeited Land 5-11-10-08 Auditor/Treasurer Bonde presented a list of tax forfeited properties and requested that the date, time and location of the auction to sell the properties be set. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 11-2010 authorizing the listed properties, as presented, to be sold at a public auction by the County Auditor/Treasurer pursuant to M.S. 282.01 with said auction held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse Board Room, 415th Ave., Granite Falls, MN, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be in full payment by cash or check. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Part-Time Fill-Ins for Veterans Van Driver 5-11-10-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve advertising for part-time fill-in Veteran Services van drivers. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational The Board reviewed the April investment and jail reports.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 5-11-10-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$52,557.44 Revenue Fund, \$9,413.78 Road and Bridge Fund, \$26,682.81 Ditch Fund; approval of an additional Auditor's warrant totaling \$452.34; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events. The Board set a special meeting for June 24, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. to hold the annual County Board road tour.

Adjourn 5-11-10-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Jane Remiger, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer