

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
July 27, 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 7-27-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add AgBMP septic loan budget amendment, revised adoption ordinance for the County Water Plan and a transient merchant license for T.A.P. Industries to the Consent Agenda; add discussion on meetings conducted by phone to the Commissioner Reports; add the Social Services June financial report to the Social Services Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 7-27-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 13, 2010, County Board meeting; reclassification of the Social Services Financial Worker position; hiring Bridgette von Cordes as a Social Services Social Worker; permanent employment status for Ashley Hoffman as a Social Services Office Support & Technology Specialist; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$14,779.41 in revenues and \$31,914.41 in expenses; Revenue Fund budget reallocation of \$2,000; rescinding Resolution 16-2010 approved July 13, 2010, and adopting a new Resolution 16-2010 to adopt and implement the Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Water Management Plan Amendment; transient merchant license effective August 5, 2010, at Bootlegger's Supper Club (Stony Run Township) for T.A.P. Industries. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library and State Radio Board meeting. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County HRA meeting. Commissioner Remiger reported on Countryside Public Health, the County Planning Commission, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad, RCRCA and the County Historical Society. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, Extension Committee and Prairie 5. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Extension Committee and Western Mental Health. Commissioner Sherlin also asked about the proper procedures for conducting meetings by phone. Attorney Helgeson was asked to review the statutes regarding this issue and bring information back to a future meeting.

Social Services

Social Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed the June 2010 Social Services financial report with the Board. Other items discussed under the Social Services agenda were staffing for the Granite Falls food shelf, Prairie 5 Rides no load miles costs, shared daycare licensing in Region 6, early implementer program, process for adding membership to PACT 4, Social Services redesign discussions happening in other parts of Minnesota and the Healthcare Purchasing Alliance. Child Support Officers Diane Johnson and Amanda Stengel presented information to the Board on child support collections in the County.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Department Reports

County Recorder's Office County Recorder Kay Zempel presented the Board with the recording compliance report as required by Minnesota Statute 357.182. Recording compliance in 2009 required complete document processing and return of documents within 15 days of filing. The report showed that the County Recorder's Office average return days for 2009 was 8.83 days. Since the County Recorder's Office has remained in compliance, the unallocated fund fees collected may continue to be used per statutory rules. County Recorder Zempel also reviewed the 2010 legislative changes that have impacted services provided by the Recorder's Office.

Regular Agenda

Canby Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District 1-1 30-Day Notice Waiver 7-27-10-03 The Board reviewed a written request from the Canby HRA to review and comment on a proposed redevelopment TIF district in Canby. The TIF project is for redevelopment of property in Canby and would include new offices for Outland Renewable Energy. If completed, the project would create 20 new jobs. Minnesota Statute 469.175 requires a TIF authority to give 30 days notice of proposed TIF districts to the county and school district where the project would be located. The statute also allows the county and school district to waive the 30 day notice requirement. The Board discussed that this was the third consecutive time that Canby has provided less than 30 days notice and was requesting the County to waive the notice period. Commissioner Johnson expressed support for the TIF project but was opposed to Canby always requesting waiver of the 30 day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve waiving the 30 notice requirement for the Canby HRA Block 1 Original Plat Property Redevelopment TIF District 1-1. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Rural Recycling Containers 7-27-10-04 Members of the Echo and Sioux Agency Township Boards were present to request a recycling container be placed in Echo for area rural residents to use. The County currently has containers in Canby, Clarkfield, Echo and Granite Falls. The Board discussed the cost of the containers, the cost to have them emptied, how many containers there should be in the County and where they should be located. Administrator Krosch informed the Board there was dedicated funds set aside to use for recycling. The Board also discussed purchasing a spare recycling container for the haulers to use to help reduce the travel costs of emptying the containers and to have a spare to place at sites when the full container is hauled away. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the purchase of a recycling container to be placed in Echo for rural resident to use and to purchase a spare recycling container for the haulers to use contingent on the hauling fee for emptying the containers being renegotiated to a lesser amount. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Adding Additional Health Insurance Plans Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the County's Labor Management Committee was recommending that the County look at adding additional health insurance plans for County employees to choose from. Administrator Krosch informed the Board that the County's CMM plan only has 9 employees left on it and that Blue Cross Blue Shield will require the County to drop any plan when less than 10 employees are on it. Administrator Krosch showed the Board information on other health insurance plans provided through the insurance cooperative the County is a member of. The consensus of the Board was to have informational meetings this fall for employees to attend on the other health insurance plans available and see if there was enough interest in adding one or two new plans. The Board also discussed that plans could only be added if there was no additional cost to the County.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 7-27-10-05 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$42,360.40 Revenue Fund, \$58,341.44 Road and Bridge Fund, \$3,207.07 Ditch Fund; 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.

Adjourn 7-27-10-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Jane Remiger, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer