

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2009**

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:00 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 7-28-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: add the June 2009 jail report to informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 7-28-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 14, 2009, County Board meeting; two amendments to the County Accounting Policies and Procedures Handbook – state of disaster recovery preparedness for clients of CPUI and a funding and reporting policy for OPEB liability; letter of support for a Canby recreational trail grant application; budget amendment request reducing revenue by a total \$97,679. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the fairgrounds and the Regional Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on Extension, Prairie Lakes, SWCD, Prairie 5, Regional Revolving Loan Fund and tax forfeited property in Clarkfield. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MN Valley Railroad and Finance Committee. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Finance Committee, Safe Communities Coalition and a meeting with the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development. Commissioner Antony reported on the SW Regional Radio Board.

Auditor/Treasurer Department Update 7-28-09-03 County Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde reported on the County's OPEB liability study, the County's investments and recommended changes to the Auditor's fee schedule. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the amended Auditor's fee schedule as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda:

GPS Equipment 7-28-09-04 County Engineer Andy Sander presented a State of MN bid for the purchase of GPS equipment. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the purchase of GPS equipment from Frontier Precision Inc. at a cost of \$51,683.50 plus tax. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The state bid will be kept on file at the Highway Department.

Four Wheeler 07-28-09-05 County Engineer Sander presented two quotes for the purchase of a four wheeler. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the lowest quote of \$10,137 from Motor Sports of Willmar to purchase a 700 Ranger four wheeler. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The quotes will be kept on file at the Highway Department.

Public Hearing – 2009 – 2013 County Road and Bridge Construction Plan 07-28-09-06 Chairman Johnson opened the public hearing to take comments on the 2009 – 2013 County Road and Bridge Construction Plan. Engineer Sander reviewed the proposed plan with the Board. No one was present at the hearing to provide comments on the proposed plan. Chairman Johnson closed the hearing. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the 2009-2013 County Road and Bridge Construction Plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Screen Board Resolution 07-28-09-07 Engineer Sander discussed with the Board a proposed resolution of support requesting a legislative change to the membership of the State Screening Board. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to table action on the Screening Board Resolution until more information on the issue could be gathered. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

Southwest Initiative Foundation Marc Vaillancourt with the Southwest Initiative Foundation gave an update on the Foundation's activities and programs.

Agreement for Low Interest Septic Loans 07-28-09-08 County Water Plan Coordinator Jolene Johnson presented a new agreement for an additional \$130,000 of funding from the State of Minnesota to provide low interest septic system loans in the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the loan agreement as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

LQP-YB Watershed Update Mary Homan with the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed was not able to attend the meeting and provide an update on the watershed. Ms. Homan will be rescheduled for another meeting date.

Manufactured Home Conditional Use Permit 07-28-09-09 Water Plan Coordinator Johnson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-496-09 for Monty Schlecht, Canby, MN, to place a 14' x 54' Type I mobile home as a dwelling in the Rural Preservation Management District located in part of the northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (NW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 30 in Wergeland Township. A conditional use permit is required to place a Type I mobile home in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Planning Commission also recommended three conditions be included with the permit. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve conditional use permit YM-496-09 for Monty Schlecht with the following conditions:

1. At such time as a permanent dwelling is constructed on this building site, the Type I mobile home shall be removed from the premises within 12 months of completion of the permanent dwelling.
2. The Type I mobile home shall be installed and maintained in such a manner as to comply with all requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code.
3. Because this building site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District of Yellow Medicine County, the owner of this building site will at all times be tolerant of agricultural

activities in the surrounding area.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

MN Machinery Museum Mavis Gustafson with the MN Machinery Museum gave an update on the museum's budget and 2009 events. Ms. Gustafson also discussed with the Board having the museum building repainted and work done to the sidewalk.

USFW Service Land Purchase 07-28-09-10 Don Kleven with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service met with the Board to request certification of the purchase of 123.1 acres by the USFW Service for public hunting land. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to certify the acquisition of 123.1 acres by the USFW Service from Peter and Desli Snortum on the following described land: Section 5, the fractional NE ¼ except the north 1492 feet of the west 1102 feet thereof in Fortier Township. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

GIS Contract with Pro-West & Associates, Inc. 07-28-09-11 Administrator Krosch presented a contract for professional services with Pro-West & Associates, Inc. to do GIS parcel data development and mapping for the entire County. This project would be spread out over a few years and would be primarily funded with the Recorder's Unallocated Fund fees. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the contract with Pro-west & Associates, Inc. as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson and Sherlin voting against.

Other Business: None

Informational: The Board reviewed a letter from Prairie 5, the County's 2008 population estimates and the June 2009 jail report.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 7-28-09-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$48,499.68 Revenue Fund, \$20,420.09 Road and Bridge 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. The Board agreed to change the meeting start time to 8:00 a.m. for the next regular County Board meeting scheduled for August 11, 2009.

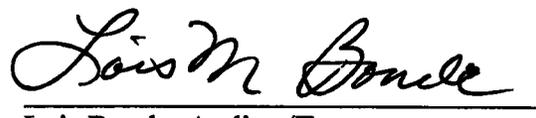
Adjourn 7-28-09-13 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 3:38 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer