

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 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 8-10-10-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add July investment report to the informational items; add Sheriff's Office staff recognition to other business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 8-10-10-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 27, 2010, County Board meeting; hiring Ronald Thomton as a part-time non-scheduled Deputy Sheriff; Resolution #17-2010 entering into agreement #92681 with the BNSF Railway Company and MnDOT for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals at the intersection of CSAH 2 (170<sup>th</sup> Ave.) and authorizing the County Engineer and County Administrator to execute said agreement and any amendments thereto. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Antony reported on the AMC Policy Committee, Regional Radio Board, 6W Corrections and the Yellow Medicine Watershed District. Commissioner Wambeke reported on a meeting for the County Food Shelf and the Adult Mental Health Advisory Council. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Policy Committee and Minnesota Machinery Museum. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Corrections, RDC and Prairie 5 Nutrition. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and the RDC Revolving Loan Fund.

**Regular Agenda**

**County Food Shelf 8-10-10-03** County Family Services Director Peggy Heglund was present to request that the Board hire a part-time employee for the County Food Shelf. Family Service Director Heglund and Commissioner Wambeke explained that the Food Shelf usage has increased dramatically. The Food Shelf is currently being run by Family Services support staff and volunteers. Reductions in Family Services support staff in 2009, a shortage of volunteers and the increased usage of the Food Shelf have lead to the need to hire someone. The position would be for just one day a week and would be funded by County funds and Food Shelf funds. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve advertising for a part-time County Food Shelf Coordinator with the hours being one day a week and the maximum County contribution to fund the position being \$3,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Grant for Veterans Van 8-10-10-04** County Veterans Services Officer Michelle Gatz requested approval to submit a grant for funding to purchase a new van for transporting veterans to medical appointments. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve submitting a FY 2010 CVS0 Enhancement Grant for funds to purchase a new van. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance** Chairperson Remiger opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to take comments on the proposed amendments to the County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance. Planning and Zoning Director Randy Jacobson was present to review to the proposed changes to the ordinance. The proposed changes were to sections of the ordinance related to renewable energy and to add a new section to the ordinance regarding mining regulations. No one was present at the hearing to provide comments. Planning and Zoning Director Jacobson received no comments either. Chairperson Remiger closed the hearing at 10:15 a.m.

**Resolution Enacting Amendments to the Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance 8-10-10-05** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #18-2010 enacting amendments to the Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Published summary: The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners has approved amendments to an ordinance entitled: Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance. Due to the length of said ordinance and approved amendments and pursuant to M.S. 375.51, said ordinance and amendments are not being published in their entirety as part of the proceedings of the meeting at which the ordinance amendments were enacted. Instead, the title and a summary of the ordinance amendments, in accordance with M.S. 331A.01, subdivision 10, are being published as part of the proceedings. Said summary is as follows:

General changes and additions made to sections related to renewable energy, wind energy conversion systems and solar energy systems.

Addition of Section XXI – Mining Regulations adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103A-I and the planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 394 with the purpose of the regulations being: Providing for the economic availability and removal of sand, gravel, rock, soil, and other materials; establishing regulations, safeguards, and controls in the unincorporated areas of the County regarding noise, dust, traffic, drainage, groundwater quality, and other factors which will minimize the environmental and aesthetic impacts on mined or adjacent property; reducing the potential for pollution caused by wind, soil erosion, and sedimentation; establishing locations, orderly approval process, and operating conditions under which mining operations will be allowed in the unincorporated areas of the County and to establish conditions which ensure the restoration of mined areas consistent with the existing and planned land use patterns; ensuring compliance with the regulations established in this Ordinance on those mining operations presently operating in Yellow Medicine County; bringing operations without

a permit into compliance with the performance standards of this Ordinance.

A printed copy of the full ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the County Auditor located at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse, 415 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Granite Falls, MN. The full ordinance may also be viewed at [www.yellowmedicine.govoffice.com](http://www.yellowmedicine.govoffice.com).

**Department Update** Planning and Zoning Director Jacobson updated the Board on the Planning and Zoning Office's activities and discussed changes made by the State to septic system regulations.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

**Southwest Initiative Foundation** Garrett Backes with the Southwest Initiative Foundation reviewed the programs and services provided by the Foundation and presented a request for the same funding from the County for 2011 as provided in 2010.

**2011 Draft Budget and Levy** Administrator Krosch presented the draft 2011 budget and levy to the County Board. Family Services Director Heglund, Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde and County Sheriff Bill Flaten were also present. The Board will review the draft budget and levy at the next two scheduled County Board meetings before setting the preliminary tax levy on September 14.

**Other Business**

**Sheriff's Office Staff Recognition** County Sheriff Flaten presented letters of commendation to County Jail Administrator Kathy Busack and County Jail Terminal Agency Coordinator Bonnie Westfield for their exceptional work in helping to set up the new records management program in the jail.

**Informational** The July 2010 investment report was reviewed.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 8-10-10-06** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$74,229.17 Revenue Fund, \$158,671.72 Road and Bridge Fund, \$609.37 Ditch Fund, \$187,860.01 Human Services 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 8-10-10-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
Jane Remiger, Chair

  
Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer