

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 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 Administrative Secretary Amy Redepenning, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

**Approve Agenda 10-26-10-01** Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add a closed session to discuss labor negotiations. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 10-26-10-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 12, 2010, County Board meeting; Tyson and Wood Lake aeration permits. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library and the Southwest Regional Radio Board. Commissioner Wambeke reported on union negotiations, the Yellow Medicine County Task Force and the Granite Falls Airport zoning meeting. Commissioner Remiger reported on the County Museum, MN Valley Railroad, PACT 4, Countryside Public Health, RCRCA, Granite Falls Airport zoning meeting and AMC. Commissioner Remiger also discussed with the Board the County providing a loan to the County Historical Society for printing history books of the County. This item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Prairie 5, Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Public Health's SHIP Committee. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health and storage at the fairgrounds.

**RCRCA Membership 10-26-10-03** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to continue membership in the Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area for 2011 and 2012 at an annual cost of \$660. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Fairgrounds Storage Fees 10-26-10-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to increase the storage costs at the fairgrounds starting in the 2011-12 storage season to \$4.00 a foot for all items except cars would be charged a flat \$50 fee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Human Services**

Human Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed with the Board the Human Services cash flow balances and third quarter budget report. Financial Assistance Supervisor Gretchen Eliason presented to the Board changes to the food support program.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

**Department Updates**

**Yellow Medicine County Extension** Yellow Medicine County Extension staff Bob Byrnes, Michelle Ascherman and Virginia Wilson updated the Board on Extension's programs and services.

**Veterans Services and Emergency Management** County Veterans Services Officer and Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz updated the Board on FEMA funding for the fall floods and various programs and services for veterans.

**Regular Agenda**

**Assistant County Attorney Replacement 10-26-10-05** County Attorney Keith Helgeson announced that Assistant County Attorney Mark Gruman had resigned to take another job in North Dakota. County Attorney Helgeson requested that the position be filled. County Attorney Helgeson presented information to the Board about the case load in the County Attorney's Office. The Board discussed at length with County Attorney Helgeson the need to fill the position. Commissioner Sherlin asked that the decision be delayed to allow more time to look at the need for filling the position. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to authorize advertising for an Assistant County Attorney position. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

**Granite Falls Municipal Airport Zoning Board Resolution 10-26-10-06** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #25-2010 authorizing to reconvene the joint airport zoning board for the Granite Falls Municipal Airport and that the County hereby appoints the non-elected persons of Randy Jacobson and Larry Stoks to be its representatives on said Board, with said persons to serve for an indefinite term until they resign or are replaced by the County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business**

**Closed Meeting for Labor Negotiations 10-26-10-07** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to enter into a closed meeting for labor negotiation strategy pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The time of the closed meeting was 12:03 p.m. in the Yellow Medicine County Board Room. Those in attendance were Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger, Johnson and Sherlin and County Attorney Helgeson.

The closed meeting ended at 12:13 p.m. and the regular County Board meeting was reconvened.

**Informational** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 10-26-10-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$17,816.02 Revenue Fund, \$62,872.05 Road and Bridge Fund, \$1,859.64 Ditch Fund, \$53,048.66 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 10-26-10-09** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
Jane Remiger, Chair

  
Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer