

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin 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, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 10-28-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Yellow Medicine River Watershed District manager position advertisement, hiring part-time corrections officer Brian Nordby and a sewer loan budget amendment to the consent agenda; add the purchase of rural recycling containers and a professional services agreement with Justice Benefits, Inc. to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 10-28-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 14, 2008, County Board meeting; Resolution 33-2008 establishing policies for the distribution of tax statements, budget and tax notices and property valuation notices; Tyson and Wood Lake aeration system permits; 2009 Natural Resource Block Grant agreement; advertising for a district manager position for the Yellow Medicine River Watershed; hiring of Brian Nordby as a nonscheduled part-time corrections officer; budget amendments totaling \$42,090 in revenue and 42,090 in expenses. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Western MN RLF. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Prairie 5, and MnRAAA. Commissioner Remiger reported on the County Museum, MVRRA and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Restorative Justice Committee and Highway 212 Coalition meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on Pioneerland, SW Regional Radio Board, SWCD and Technology Committee.

Department Reports:

SWCD Manager Lou Ann Nagel provided an update of the SWCD activities and programs.

Regular Agenda:

Rural Recycling Containers 10-28-08-03 Paul Henricksen with Lyon County Environmental discussed the purchase of recycling containers for the County's rural residents to bring their recycling items to. The containers would be located in communities around the County. Mr. Henricksen indicated many counties are providing a similar service for their rural residents. The cost of a recycling container is approximately \$6500 for each container. Mr. Henricksen would get at least two quotes before purchasing the containers. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the purchase of four recycling containers by quote for the County's rural residents to use for recycling and have the containers placed in Canby, Clarkfield, Wood Lake and Granite Falls. The motion includes a budget amendment of \$30,000

in expenses for the purchase of the four containers and related expenses. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Justice benefits, Inc. Agreement 10-28-08-04 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented an agreement for professional services to secure federal financial participation funds. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve an agreement for professional services with Justice Benefits, Inc. and a related initiative to have Justice Benefits, Inc. obtain funds for the County for housing illegal aliens. The motion is contingent on the agreement language being satisfactory to the County Attorney. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finger Print Machine Letter of Support 10-28-08-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve a letter being sent to the MN BCA supporting the County Sheriff's Office efforts to obtain a new Generation 3 Livescan Fingerprint Machine. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Habitat Easement 10-28-08-06 Don Kleven and Steven Delehanty with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service presented a request for certification by the Board for the acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the certification for acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for a wildlife habitat protection easement secured from the Lionel L. Fales and Rose Mary Fales Revocable Trust in Florida Township described as T 115N, 46W, Section 17, SE ¼, N ½, SW ¼. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Truth in Taxation Hearing 10-28-08-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Reschedule December County Board Meetings 10-28-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to reschedule the December 2008 regular County Board meetings for Tuesday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, December 30 at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

General Election Canvass Board Appointments 10-28-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to appoint Commissioners Antony and Wambeke to the 2008 general election Canvass Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2009 Budget and Levy The updated 2009 budget and levy were discussed by the Board.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 10-28-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$40,100.48 Revenue Fund, \$204,986.11 Road and Bridge Fund, \$2,918.78 Construction Fund, \$758.63 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The September 2009 investment, financial and jail reports were reviewed.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjourn 10-28-08-11 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer