

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2009**

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 3:00 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 and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 12-15-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add Wood Lake Battlefield Association to other business; add the November 2009 investment report to informational items. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-15-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the November 24, 2009, County Board meeting; 2010 Countryside Public Health tobacco compliance check agreement; Resolution 38-2009 accepting completed project S.P. 87-596-01 and authorizing final payment to Duinick, Inc. in the amount of \$4,244.42 for the final contract amount totaling \$84,888.34; Resolution 39-2009 accepting completed project S.A.P. 87-608-23 and authorizing final payment to R & G Construction Company in the amount of \$3,833.08 for the final contract amount totaling \$76,661.50; Resolution 40-2009 accepting completed projects S.A.P. 87-599-118 and 87-599-119 and authorizing final payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$12,346.30 for the final contract amount totaling \$192,106.00; Resolution 41-2009 supporting an ongoing funding source for children's mental health collaboratives (PACT 4); joint powers agreement with Lyon County for solid waste program services in effect until December 31, 2010. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Regional Revolving Loan Fund, Area II and the DAC; Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, 6W Corrections, Countryside Public Health's statewide health improvement plan meeting, AMC Annual Conference, Restorative Justice Committee and the Yellow Medicine County Task Force. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Annual Conference, County Historical Society and RCRCA. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Safe Communities Fatal Review Committee and Yellow Medicine County Task Force. Commissioner Antony reported 6W Corrections, AMC Annual Conference and the SW Regional Radio Board.

Department Reports

2010 – 2011 County Feedlot Program Agreement 12-15-09-03 Planning & Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson requested approval of the 2010 – 2011 county feedlot program delegation agreement and work plan. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the 2010 – 2011 county feedlot program delegation agreement and work plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department Update Planning & Zoning Administrator Jacobson updated the Board on the land use and sewer permits issued in 2009.

The Board recessed for a break at 4:17 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

Regular Agenda

2010 County Sheriff's Office Fees 12-15-09-04 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented proposed fee changes for 2010. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the following fee changes effective in 2010:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
Pay to stay	\$20/day	\$25.00/day
Booking fee	\$10.00	\$25.00
Urinalysis	\$30.00	\$40.00

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Jail Boarding Fees 12-15-09-05 Sheriff Flaten and the Board discussed changing the jail boarding fee which is currently at \$55/day. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to keep the jail boarding fee at \$55/day except for inmates that are held for 30 or more consecutive days the jail boarding fee shall be \$50/day. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 Non-Union Salary Schedule 12-15-09-06 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve a 2.0% cost of living adjustment increase to the County's 2010 non-union salary schedule. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 Salary for County Sheriff, Attorney and Recorder 12-15-09-07 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 42-2009 setting the 2010 salaries for the County Sheriff, Attorney and Recorder as follows:

Sheriff – Step 12, Grade 25 on the 2010 Yellow Medicine County non-union salary schedule

Attorney – Step 12, Grade 28 on the 2010 Yellow Medicine County non-union salary schedule

Recorder – Step 9, Grade 22 on the 2010 Yellow Medicine County non-union salary schedule

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 County Commissioner Salaries 12-15-09-08 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 43-2009 setting the 2010 salaries for County Commissioners as follows:

Commissioners: \$18,486

Board Chair: \$19,086

Motion carried with Commissioners Remiger, Wambeke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioners Sherlin and Antony voting against.

2010 Commissioner Per Diems 12-15-09-09 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Resolution 44-2009 setting the following schedule of per diem payments for County Commissioners in 2010:

\$40 per meeting

\$80 for meetings lasting more than ½ day

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 County Ditch Fund Budget 12-15-09-10 The Board reviewed the 2010 Ditch Fund Budget. The public hearing and approval of the 2010 Ditch Fund levy was done on October 13, 2009. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2010 Ditch Fund Budget with total revenues of \$177,446 and total expenditures of \$189,437. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business

The Board reviewed a request from the Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association requesting a letter of

support for a grant they were submitting to get funds to develop a comprehensive long range plan for the Wood Lake Battlefield site. The Board requested more information be obtained before taking action on the request.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 12-15-09-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$39,730.91 Revenue Fund, \$53,452.82 Road and Bridge Fund, \$24,191.19 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The Board reviewed the November 2009 jail and investment reports and a copy of the Prairie Lakes Youth Program joint powers agreement.

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

The Board recessed the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Agenda Continued

2010 Budget and Levy Hearing Chairman Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. to take comments on the proposed 2010 property tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were: County Assessor Connie Erickson, County Sheriff Bill Flaten, Algene Bruss, Guy Stevermer, Keith Anderson (Echo Charter School) and Larry Schueler (Echo Charter School). Chairman Johnson asked those in attendance if they wished to speak on the proposed 2010 budget and tax levy. All those in attendance wished to discuss their 2010 property valuations and not the 2010 budget or levy. Chairman Johnson allowed time for Mr. Bruss, Mr. Stevermer, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Schueler to speak and ask questions regarding their property valuation concerns. County Assessor Erickson addressed the concerns regarding each property.

With no one in attendance to provide comments on the 2010 proposed tax levy and budget, Chairman Johnson closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Payable 2010 Tax Levy 12-15-09-12 The Board reviewed the proposed payable 2010 tax levy. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Antony to approve a 4.9% levy increase from 2009 to 2010 with the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2010 set as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$4,188,650
Road & Bridge Fund	\$1,874,740
Human Services Fund	\$1,816,480
Library	\$71,852
Tax Abatement	\$8,800
Water Plan	\$3,054
Capital Equipment Note Principal and Interest	\$250,224
Law Enforcement Center Bond Principal and Interest	\$271,249
Total Certified 2010 Gross Tax Levy	\$8,485,049
Less 2010 Certified County Program Aid*	\$706,784*
Total Certified 2010 Net Tax Levy	\$7,778,265

* Does not include unallotment of aid

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2010 Budget 12-15-09-13 The Board reviewed the 2010 County budget. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the 2010 Yellow Medicine County budget as follows:

Fund	Revenues*	Expenses	Surplus/(Deficit)
Revenue	5,618,606	5,597,202	21,404
Road & Bridge	5,883,428	6,164,759	(281,331)
Human Services	3,701,730	3,779,980	(78,250)
FUND TOTALS	15,203,764	15,541,941	(338,177)
Equipment Note	250,974	242,650	8,324
Jail Bond	275,949	261,500	14,449
DEBT TOTALS	526,923	504,150	22,773
TOTAL BUDGET	15,730,687	16,046,091	(315,404)

* 2010 budgeted revenues do not include the use of capital equipment note funds held in reserves and do not include the unallotment of the County's 2010 certified county program aid

Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Remiger, Wambeke and Antony voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Adjourn 12-15-09-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



 Gary Johnson, Chair



 Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer