

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 29, 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, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 12-29-09-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add discussion about the employee snow leave policy and taxes on the Hanley Falls Fire Hall to other business; add county road snow removal discussion to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-29-09-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the December 15, 2009, County Board meeting; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$28,989 in revenues and \$73,193 in expenditures; Road & Bridge budget amendments totaling \$2,372,607 in revenues and \$2,807,007 in expenditures; Revenue Fund budget reallocations totaling \$8,000 in additions and \$8,000 in deductions; Road & Bridge Fund budget reallocations totaling \$553,914 in additions and \$553,914 in deductions; Resolution 45-2009 accepting \$983.03 in gifts for Veterans Christmas baskets. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the annual shared county engineer meeting with Swift County and maintenance at the Fairground's office. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program and RDC. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MN Valley Regional Railroad. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County HRA. Commissioner Antony reported on the Workforce Council.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Department Reports

IT Department IT Coordinator Dennis Pederson updated the Board on the IT Department's projects.

Regular Agenda

Final Payment for SP 87-643-03 (Hwy. 43 Paving Project from Hanley Falls to TH 67) 12-29-09-03 County Engineer Andy Sander presented a final payment request for the Highway 43 paving project from Hanley Falls to Trunk Highway 67. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Remiger to approve Resolution 46-2009 accepting completed project SP 87-643-03 and authorizing final payment to Central Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$43,875.60 for the final contract amount totaling \$862,120.66. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Detour Agreement for SP 1211-18 (Trunk Highway 212 Detour) 12-29-09-04 Engineer Sander requested approval of a resolution to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for the use of county roads as a detour route during a Trunk Highway 212 construction project. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 47-2009 authorizing entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 95603 with the State of Minnesota to provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of county roads

as a detour route during construction performed to Trunk Highway 212 from the west junction of Trunk Highway 23 to 2.3 miles east of the east junction of Trunk Highway 23 under State Project No. 1211-18 and that the County Engineer and County Administrator are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Road Snow Removal The Board, Engineer Sander and County Highway Maintenance Supervisor Larry Stoks discussed the policies and procedures for snow removal on county roads.

NACO Prescription Drug Program 12-29-09-05 Administrator Krosch presented information about a prescription drug discount program the County can offer to Yellow Medicine County residents as a part of the County's membership to the National Association of Counties (NACO) organization. The program is intended to provide prescription drug discounts for uninsured or underinsured residents of the County. The program in many cases would not benefit those with existing health insurance coverage. The program only provides discounts on prescription drugs and is not a health insurance plan. There is no cost to the County to participate in the program or to residents who use the program. Information on how to participate in the program would be made available at the County Family Services office and at participating area pharmacies. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to authorize entering into an agreement to participate in the NACO Prescription Discount Card Program. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business

Employee Snow Leave Policy Administrator Krosch reviewed with the Board the employee snow leave policies.

Hanley Falls Fire Hall Taxes County Assessor Connie Erickson and the Board discussed why taxes were being collected on the Hanley Falls Fire Hall. Assessor Erickson explained that United Southwest Bank is listed as the owner of the Fire Hall property and not the City of Hanley Falls so the property must then be taxed.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 12-29-09-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$81,765.58 Revenue Fund, \$55,990.54 Road and Bridge Fund, \$839.88 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational: None

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

Adjourn 12-29-09-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer