

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin 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 Eric Monson and West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney.

Approve Agenda 8-12-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: add snowmobile trail agreement to the Consent Agenda and 2009 funding for the Regional Radio Board to Commissioner Reports. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 8-12-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 22, 2008, County Board meeting; appointment of Cindy Potz representing the Yellow Medicine River Watershed and Mitch Kling (Norris Peterson as alternate) representing Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water to the Water Task Force; budget amendments totaling \$61,186 in revenues and \$83,486 in expenses; Resolution 25-2008 accepting gifts on behalf of the Fair Board; 2009 snowmobile maintenance grant agreement for the Snow-Drifters of Montevideo; Montevideo Snow Drifters, Inc. snowmobile trail agreement with Yellow Medicine County; the County's Accounting Policies and Procedures Handbook; hiring of Kathy Balfany as a part time matron transport person. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and the recent CURE newsletter regarding the Big Stone II power plant project. The Board asked that a copy of the resolution the Board passed in support of Big Stone II be sent to CURE. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Corrections, Prairie Waters, WesMN RLF, Prairie 5 and Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Remiger reported on the AMC Legislative Conference, County Museum Committee and MVRRA.

Department Reports:

County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom reported on the county parks.

The Board recessed for a break at 9:52 a.m..

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Agenda:

Discuss 2008 Legislative Session Senator Gary Kubly and candidates for state representative Mike Bredeck and Don Swaboda discussed with the Board some of the decisions made during the 2008 legislative session that had a financial impact on counties.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:54 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing for Capital Improvements Plan and Issuing GO Bonds Chairman Sherlin opened the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. to take comments regarding the County's 2008 – 2012 Capital Improvements Plan and the issuance of GO capital improvement bonds for the County Attorney's Office Addition. There was no one from the public in attendance for the hearing and no comments were provided. Chairman Sherlin closed the hearing at 11:12 a.m.

Approval of Capital Improvements Plan and the Issuance of GO Bonds 8-12-08-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution 26-2008 as follows:

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County (the "County") has published notice of its intent to hold a hearing on certain amendments to the County's capital improvement plan (the "Plan") and the issuance of capital improvement plan bonds under Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Bonds") at least fourteen (14) but not more than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date hereof, pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") held a public hearing on the date hereof on the adoption of amendments to the Plan and issuance of the Bonds to finance capital improvements including construction of certain improvements to the County Courthouse (the "Project"), all as described in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board hereby approves the Plan and authorizes the issuance of the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, contingent upon satisfaction of the conditions described in the Act.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

SBDC Liz Struve and Janice Robinson with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) explained the SBDC's services to the Board.

Liquor License Compliance Checks and Server Training Ann Orren with the Chemical Health Coalition discussed with the Board and Sheriff Bill Flaten beverage server training they have provided and the possibility of doing compliance checks for all businesses that get a County issued liquor license. The Board will discuss this again prior to liquor licenses being issued in 2009.

Prairie Waters 8-12-08-04 Connie Nygard, Kristi Fernholz and Mavis Gustafson with Prairie Waters Tourism presented their 2009 budget request to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve funding for Prairie Waters Tourism for \$12,915.50 for 2009. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:18 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

SW Initiative Foundation Marc Vaillancourt with the SW Initiative Foundation reviewed the Foundation's programs with the Board.

Transition of Area Agency on Agency (AAA) 8-12-08-05 The Board discussed transitioning the AAA to a new AAA in northwest Minnesota. Motion by Commissioner Remiger to not approve Resolution 27-2008 that supports the transition of AAA designation to the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA. The motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution 27-2008 that supports the transition of AAA designation to the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Remiger voting against.

8-12-08-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to appoint Commissioner Sherlin as the County's member to the Land of the Dancing Sky's AAA Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Canby Bridge Bid Approval 8-12-08-07 County Engineer Andy Sander presented three bids for S.A.P. 87-597-02 to replace a bridge in Canby. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the low bid of \$226,582.90 from Commerford Construction, Inc. for S.A.P. 87-597-02 to replace Bridge L9127 in Canby. Motion carried with all voting in favor. All bids are on file at the County Highway Department.

2009 Budget Administrator Krosch presented the draft 2009 budget and levy to the Board and Sheriff Flaten, Engineer Sander, Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde and Family Service Director Peggy Heglund.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 8-12-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$136,643.82 Revenue Fund, \$200,419.29 Road and Bridge Fund, \$6,168.44 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The Board reviewed the July 2008 investment report.

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

Commissioner Reports (Continued)

Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Safe Communities Coalition, Emergency Management Committee, Area Agency on Aging and a meeting with State Auditor's Office for the County's 2007 audit. Commissioner Antony reported on the CD Coalition, Regional Radio Board, Regional Solid Waste Board and Rural Energy Board.

Department Reports (Continued)

The County Attorney and Administrator reports were given.

Adjourn 8-12-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:52 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer