

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2007**

Chairman Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Commissioner Louis Sherlin was absent. 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 04-10-07-01** Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following additions: Highway 59 discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda 04-10-07-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the March 27, 2007, County Board meeting; hiring of VSO van driver Kay Bestland; policy amendment 201.152.D – health insurance start date; resolution to accept gifts for Veterans Memorial. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments** There was no citizens present to be heard.

**Commissioner Reports** Commissioner Johnson discussed with the Board sending a letter to MnDOT regarding the Highway 59 safety issues. Commissioner Johnson reported on a township weed meeting, the Lazarus Creek project, Prairie Lakes Detention Center Board, a MnDOT meeting in Willmar on road issues, AMC Legislative Conference, Yellow Medicine County Task Force and the Circle Sentencing Program. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Minnesota Machinery Museum, AMC Transportation Committee and Legislative Conference and the County Historical Society.

**Department Reports** Lou Ann Nagel, Nancy Drydahl and Jim Muchlinski gave an update to the Board on the SWCD.

**Regular Agenda:**

**6W Community Corrections** Midge Christianson, 6W Community Corrections Director, reviewed 6W Community Correction's 2006 activities, agency goals and 2007-2008 comprehensive plan. Christianson highlighted the significant increase in agency caseload and workload over the last two years and flat state funding levels for corrections. Christianson stated 6W Community Corrections was looking at requesting an additional \$38,000 from Yellow Medicine County in 2008 to help fund the increased caseload.

**Review of County Liquor License Fees** The Board reviewed the county's liquor license fees and compared the fees to neighboring counties. The Board will look at changing the temporary beer license fees at a future meeting.

**Sheriff's Department 04-10-07-03** Sheriff Bill Flaten requested that the Board hire Rich Rollins as a temporary part-time employee to fill in while a current part-time employee is out for medical reasons. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to wave the county employee recruitment and selection process as authorized in the personnel policies and hire Rich Rollins as a temporary part-time employee as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

**Demolition of County Property** Highway Engineer Andy Sander and General Foreman Larry Stoks discussed with the Board a quote to remove asbestos and other materials from the Thoma house and

that County property in Clarkfield could be burned. Administrator Krosch updated the Board on tax forfeited property in the City of Hanley Falls.

**Meeting with the Upper Sioux Community** The Board discussed a letter from the Upper Sioux Community requesting a meeting with the County to discuss road issues. A meeting was scheduled for April 26.

**Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine Joint Ditch Discussion** Lac qui Parle County Environmental/Ditch Officer Darrel Ellefson and Commissioners Harold Solem and Todd Patzer met with the Board to discuss issues with joint ditches in the two counties.

**Commissioner Reports** Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Tri-County Law Library and CEE-6 Drug Task Force. Commissioner Antony reported on the Creative Solutions Committee and a renewable energy meeting in Renville.

Commissioner Johnson excused himself from the meeting to attend another meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Informational** The Board reviewed the March 2007 financial reports.

**Approve Payment of Claims 04-10-07-04** Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$50,117.32 Revenue Fund, \$28,480.53 Road and Bridge Fund, and \$132.50 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$22,967.16. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business 04-10-07-05** The Board discussed the county becoming a member of the Minnesota Association of Professional County Economic Developers (MAPCED). Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to join MAPCED in 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

**Adjourn 04-10-07-06** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Witness:

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Ron Antony, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer