

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:30 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 4-22-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Maintenance Department from department reports; add part-time corrections officer hirings to the consent agenda; add hiring a full-time corrections officer to the regular agenda; add Road and Bridge 1st quarter 2008 budget report to informational; add MnRAA to commissioner reports. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 4-22-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the April 8, 2008, County Board meeting; Resolution 12-2008 – Friends of Corey gambling permit at the Granite Run Golf Course; additional appropriation totaling \$27,300 in revenues and expenditures; hiring Marshall Doyle and Eric Diekmann as part-time deputies; year end 2007 fund equity reserves and designations; hiring Donald Bradley and Whitney Gregorie as part-time correctional officers. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library Board. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Finance Committee, Prairie Lakes Advisory Board and union negotiations. Commissioner Remiger reported on the RCRCA, Planning Commission, MVRRA, AMC Conference and the County Historical Society. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Extension Committee, Restorative Justice, Yellow Medicine County Task Force, Prairie Lakes, AMC Conference and MnRAA. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Labor Management Committee.

Department/Agency Reports:

Midge Christianson presented the 6W Community Corrections 2007 annual report and reviewed the 2008 budget.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:48 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Cindy Potz and several board members with the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District presented their 2007 annual report.

Regular Agenda:

Radio equipment 4-22-08-03 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented a proposal to purchase radio repeaters and duplexers. Quotes were obtained from the Minnesota state contract pricing. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the expenditure of up to \$55,000 for the replacement of four radio repeaters and duplexers and related equipment with funds coming from the 911 enhancement fund. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Hiring FT Correctional Officer 4-22-08-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the hiring of Jeremy Pharr as a full-time corrections officer/dispatcher. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Rock Mining Conditional Use Permit 4-22-08-05 Jolene Johnson with the County Zoning Office presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit YM-477-08 for Thomas & Tamara Edman, Granite Falls, MN; to mine rock from their property, an extractive use, in the Rural Preservation Management District. The property is located in the south one-half of the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter (S ½ N ½ NE ¼) of Section 6 in Minnesota Falls Township T-115-N R-39-W. One condition was also recommended. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve conditional use permit YM-477-08 for Thomas and Tamara Edman with the following condition:

1. The disturbed area must be re-seeded with a cover crop to prevent erosion.
- Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Confinement Barn Conditional Use Permit 4-22-08-06 Ms. Johnson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit YM-476-08 for Mike and Ben Hinz, Wood Lake, MN, to construct a 100' x 400' confinement barn to house 975 head of feeder cattle. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District in the northeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (NE ¼ NE ¼) of Section 28 in Posen Township T-113-N R-39-W. No conditions were recommended. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve conditional use permit YM-476-08 for Mike and Ben Hinz. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Intent to Appoint Auditor/Treasurer and Recorder 4-22-08-07 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 13-2008 – a resolution notifying the public of the intent to make the offices of county recorder and auditor/treasurer appointed and providing an opportunity for public comment. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against. Resolution 13-2008 will be published in the official county newspaper April 30 and May 7, 2008. Public comment will be heard on the intent to appoint these offices at the May 13, 2008, County Board meeting.

County Attorney's Office Addition The Board discussed architect, engineering and construction management services for the county attorney's office addition. Proposals for these services will be reviewed at the May 13 meeting.

IT Coordinator Job Description The Board reviewed a job description and proposed pay grade for the IT coordinator position. The Board asked that the job description and pay grade be reviewed by Springsted Consultants.

Amend Policy 201.402 – Determination of Open Positions 4-22-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the amendments, as recommended by the Labor Management Committee, to policy 201.402 – Determination of Open Positions as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Amend Policy 201.157 - Other Benefits (Employee Recognition) 4-22-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the amendments, as recommended by the Labor Management Committee, to policy 201.157 – Other Benefits (Employee Recognition) as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Prairie Waters 2nd Quarter Billing 4-22-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to pay the Prairie Waters 2nd quarter billing request with a letter sent to Prairie Waters requesting they attend a county board meeting prior to the next billing to address concerns with Prairie Waters. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Remiger and Wambeke voting in favor and Commissioners Antony and Sherlin voting against.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 4-22-08-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner’s Warrants for the following amounts: \$64,567.60 Revenue Fund, \$5,301.33 Road and Bridge Fund, \$1,513.83 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor’s warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

Informational The Board reviewed the March 2008 jail report, March 2008 revenue fund financial reports and road and bridge 1st quarter 2008 budget report.

Adjourn 4-22-08-12 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer