

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Greg Renneke and Glen Kack also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda 04-22-25-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following additions to the Regular Agenda: State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement, County Road 36 and D9 discussion and door locks at the Fairground. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 04-22-25-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the consent agenda items as follows: April 8, 2025 County Board meeting minutes; permanent status for employee; rehire of Nate Oellien as a seasonal Equipment Operator, his salary will be grade 8, step 2, his start date is TBD; hiring of Tommy Philaya as an Engineering Intern, his salary will be grade 6, step 1, his start date is May 19, 2025; retirement of Brad Monson, Highway Maintenance Worker, effective May 5, 2025; replace Highway Maintenance Worker position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 04-22-25-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$11,126.18 Ditch Fund, \$72,179.04 Revenue Fund, \$81,339.31 Road & Bridge Fund, \$134,564.40 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Pact for Families, Department Head meeting, PrimeWest Health, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority and Chemical Health Coalition. Commissioner Kling reported on the Personnel Committee, Historical Society, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Pioneerland Library System. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack had no reports. Commissioner Berends reported on the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, Area Transportation Partnership meetings, Countryside Public Health, Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Personnel Committee.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Larissa Schwenk, Pioneerland Library System, presented to the board.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, gave an update and a Q1 budget review.

Adult Protection Contract 04-22-25-04 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the renewal of a contract with Chippewa County for Adult Protection services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Jenny Knutson, Social Service Supervisor, gave a presentation on Adult Protection.

Kris Holien, Veterans Service Officer, gave an update.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-650-25, Amber Groen, Canby, MN 04-22-25-05

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to operate a business in the Rural Preservation Management District. The site is on parcel #10-031-4010, in the southwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter (SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄) of Section 31 in Norman Township T-114-N R-45-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for businesses located in the Rural Preservation Management District.

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-650-25 for Amber Groen with the following conditions:

1. Because this business is located in the Rural Preservation Management District, the owner/occupant shall at all times be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Planning Commission Appointment 04-22-25-06 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to appoint Patrick Remiger to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:39 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

Resolution #16-2025 MN Pollution Control Agency Clean Water Partnership 04-22-25-07 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #16-2025 relating to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Clean Water Partnership which authorizes the county to borrow money from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and to lend money to eligible participants and eligible lenders to fund projects for the control and abatement of water pollution. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

General Obligation Note (MPCA) 04-22-25-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the General Obligation Note (MPCA). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Sheriff's Department Donation 04-22-25-09 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #15-2025 which accepts gifts and grants for the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Department (\$1,000 from Steve and Mary Lindholm). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Engineer Appointment 04-22-25-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #17-2025 which appoints Dan Moravetz as County Engineer effective May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2029. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gravel Processing Bids 04-22-25-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low bid from Rogge Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$447,000 for 80,000 yards. One other bid was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gravel Rate 04-22-25-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to set the price at \$8.50/ton for gravel. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

State of MN JPA 04-22-25-13 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed the intersection at County Road 36 and D9. They directed the Highway Department to add rumble strips.

Locks at Fairground 04-22-25-14 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote up to \$7,000 for new locks on the Fairground buildings. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, gave a budget update.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

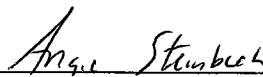
Chair Berends adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator