

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

April 25, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at noon with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Ron Antony, and Louis Sherlin present. Administrator John Chattin and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present. Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived later in the meeting

04-25-06-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of: lawn mowing at the fairgrounds; appearance of Bill Beecher; disposition of totaled squad car; and County Attorney's resignation. Carried.

04-25-06-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 11, 2006 regular meeting minutes, consumption and display permit and beer license for the Canby Golf Club, and several additional appropriation requests. Carried.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Prairie Waters and Extension Committee. Mr. Johnson discussed Extension Committee, a meeting with the Clarkfield EDA and City Council, and UMRDC. Mr. Antony commented on a Rural Minnesota Energy Board meeting. Mr. Johnson added comments on Prairie Five CAC and a Ditch 18 meeting. Ms. Remiger covered Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA), Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, Minnesota Machinery Museum, and a Homeland Security tower meeting. Mr. Antony added some comments on Pioneerland Library.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Ryan Krosch, UMRDC Community/Economic Development Director, presented the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission is recommending adoption of the plan, in ordinance form.

04-25-06-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the Comprehensive Plan by ordinance, as presented and summarized as follows:

TITLE

This Ordinance shall be titled and referred to as "The Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Plan". She referred to herein, it may also be known as "this Ordinance".

PURPOSE

The Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Plan has been prepared for the purposes of promoting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of Yellow Medicine County residents: guiding the future development of the County; and providing goals, objectives and strategies to serve as the basis for official controls of the County.

The Yellow Medicine Comprehensive Plan establishes a vision for the future. It is a guide to help the County identify what citizens value, do not want changed and feel should be improved. It provides day-to-day direction for the County in making decisions. In addition, the Plan serves the following purposes:

- Addresses the planning areas of housing, agriculture, business/economic development, transportation, natural resources/parks/recreation and county services. The Plan also considers social and economic issues.
- Ties together components of the County into a single "comprehensive" plan that reflects the interrelationships and the importance of all aspects of the County.

- Creates a forum for County residents to express and develop a long-range vision for Yellow Medicine County through the year 2025.
- Identifies key issues expressed by residents through public input.
- Sets goals, develops strategies for achieving the goals and creates an implementation process.

AUTHORITY

The Yellow Medicine County Board has the power and authority under Minnesota Statute 394.23 to prepare and adopt by ordinance, a comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan when adopted by ordinance must be the basis for official controls.

GOALS

Goal 1: To support and encourage quality, affordable housing for all stages of life and socioeconomic backgrounds that provide residents a safe, appealing living environment.

Goal 2: To support agricultural strategies and opportunities that encourages economic growth, diversity and rural preservation in the County.

Goal 3: Encourage sustainable, viable economic strategies and opportunities that achieve a balanced distribution of economic growth throughout the County.

Goal 4: To improve and maintain a diverse transportation system and road network that is safe, functional and environmentally sound.

Goal 5: To encourage a balanced and harmonious relationship between the County's natural resources/parks/recreation and the County's socioeconomic factors.

Goal 6: To provide the residents of the County with affordable, quality services that meets the needs of the people while within the County's financial limitations.

REPEAL AND ADOPTION

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners hereby repeals the Yellow Medicine County Land and Related Resources Plan adopted on August 28, 1979, and as amended, and hereby replaces that document with this Ordinance – “The Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Plan”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Carried.

There was considerable discussion on what should be done with the adopted plan and the process for moving forward.

04-25-06-04 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to establish a task force to begin the process of reviewing the County's Zoning Ordinance. Carried.

Mr. Antony added comments on the Ditch 18 meeting.

Head Custodian Curt Johnson presented an estimate for remodeling the Recorder's office to include a counter in the main hallway.

04-25-06-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to proceed with the Recorder's office remodeling at an estimated cost of \$6,000. Carried.

Curt Johnson noted that the west door is still being worked on and phone lines are being installed in the Emergency Operation Center. He has received a proposal for testing and inspection of HVAC controls in the new courthouse addition.

04-25-06-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to have Paape Energy Services test HVAC controls at a stated hourly rate and a not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000. Carried.

Engineer Andy Sander presented a request to purchase two new tandem trucks with associated equipment.

04-25-06-07 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to purchase two new 7600 International 6x4 trucks, boxes, and plow equipment under the state bid for \$236,688 after trade-ins. Carried.

Mr. Sander noted that the state has 2 steel rollers available. They are offering to sell one to the County for \$5,000 to \$6,500 which was thought to be far less than their market value.

04-25-06-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to purchase a used roller from the state for up to \$6,500. Carried.

04-25-06-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to authorize advertising for bids for the County E-1 project and replacement of two township bridges. Carried.

Bill Beecher addressed the Board on his desire to be reappointed to the watershed board.

Jail Administrator Kathy Busack presented a proposal she has received from Aviands for providing jail food. The proposal is 4¢ less per meal than the current contract with Aramark but does not represent verbal commitments made to Ms. Busack. The preference was to stay with Aramark and that contract will be presented at the next meeting.

04-25-06-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve a new Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Yellow Medicine County for Providing Extension Programs Locally and Employing County Extension Staff for 2007. Carried.

04-25-06-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve a Workforce Investment Act Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Carried.

04-25-06-12 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve amendments to section 201.409 of the County's Personnel Policies changing the probationary period to one year. Carried.

04-25-06-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to reappoint Leona Smith to the County Social Services Board, as recommended by that Board. Carried.

04-25-06-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$104,492.88 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$96,786.68. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin noted that the grass at the fairgrounds needs mowing and bids have yet to be solicited.

04-25-06-15 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to have Mr. Sherlin solicit bids for lawn mowing at the fairgrounds and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. Carried.

04-25-06-16 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve a letter of support to Senator Norm Coleman for a federal funding request for the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. Carried.

County Attorney Tom Kramer was present to discuss the resignation he tendered reflecting a final work date of May 31, 2006. The consequences of his resignation and how the County would move forward were discussed. Formal action on his resignation

was deferred until the May 9th meeting.

04-25-06-17 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to start the process for the appointment of the Auditor-Treasurer and Recorder by presenting a resolution at the next meeting. Carried, with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Antony opposed.

There was some discussion on preparedness for a pandemic flu outbreak and the sale of a totaled squad car.

04-25-06-18 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 PM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer