

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

April 26, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Dick Jepson of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

**04-26-05-01** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of the April 21, 2005 minutes to the consent agenda, a proposal for Engineer recruiting services, and gravel pit zoning and to also approve the consent agenda items, as presented and amended, including the April 12, 2005 regular meeting minutes, the April 21, 2005 special meeting minutes, and three additional appropriation requests. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health, Western Minnesota Revolving Loan Fund, an Extension/4H meeting, and Canby DAC. Mr. Johnson also attended the Extension/4H meeting as well as UMVRDC and the Planning Commission. Ms. Remiger gave updates on a Hanley Falls Machinery Museum meeting, Planning Commission, a Rock Mining Conference, Yellow Medicine County Historical Society, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA), Prairie Country RC&D, Comprehensive Land Use Plan public meetings, and ICS.

Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin reported to the Board on a meeting with the townships on changes to voting machine legislation. Neither the federal or state legislation is final. Several options are possible and current deadlines may be postponed.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 12:18 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

Curt Johnson, Head Custodian, presented a plan for planting 9 mature trees around the courthouse. The Board decided to start the plantings with four trees at the northeast end at \$425 each. Additional trees can be added in 2006.

Engineer John Johnson, Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub, and Engineering Technician Mike Schaffran presented several bids. Bids for CSAH 4 (S.A. P. 87-604-15) and CSAH 17 (S.A.P. 87-617-12) were opened and tabulated.

A request for new computers and office equipment was reviewed.

**04-26-05-02** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve a \$19,059 expenditure out of the "Hired Equipment" budget for new computers and office furniture, as presented. Carried.

Bids for County Road E5 (C.P. 05-78) were opened and tabulated.

**04-26-05-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve a Crossing Surface Installation Agreement with The BNSF Railway Company. Carried.

**04-26-05-04** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Yellow Medicine County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of

Transportation Agency Agreement No. 88019”, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Carried.

Bids for CSAH 26 (C.P. 05-26) were opened and tabulated.

**04-26-05-05** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to set a bid letting for the CSAH 42 project for 1:30 p.m. on May 24, 2005 in Echo. Carried.

**04-26-05-06** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to set a public hearing on the County’s 5-Year County Improvement Plan (CIP) for 1:35 p.m. on May 24, 2005 in the Yellow Medicine County Boardroom. Carried.

**04-26-05-07** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve right-of-way payments for the County Road E5 project totaling \$7,501.88. Carried.

**04-26-05-08** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve right-of-way payments for the CSAH 4 project totaling \$39,251.18. Carried.

**04-26-05-09** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve right-of-way payments for the CSAH 17 project totaling \$37,236.83. Carried.

**04-26-05-10** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve a Permanent Flowage Easement for the CSAH 4 project. Carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin addressed the Board on the process and timeline for delinquent taxes. Mr. Anderson also noted that Ms. Sherlin should be prepared to present an investment plan at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Engineer John Johnson and Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub presented two bid corrections to the CSAH 4 project and one for the CSAH 17 project.

**04-26-05-11** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to award the bid for the CSAH 4 project (S.A.P. 87-604-15) to McLaughlin and Schulz, Inc. for \$1,791,869.75. Carried.

**04-26-05-12** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for the CSAH 17 project (S.A.P. 87-617-12) to Duininck Brothers, Inc. for \$1,721,700.48. Carried.

**04-26-05-13** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to award the bid for the County Road E5 project (C.P. 05-78) to R and G Construction for \$141,883.50. Carried.

**04-26-05-14** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to award the bid for the CSAH 26 project (C.P. 05-26) to Duininck Brothers, Inc. for \$98,023.20. Carried.

**04-26-05-15** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the evaluation forms, as presented, and to designate them as the County’s approved forms. Carried.

**04-26-05-16** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner’s Warrants, as presented, totaling \$44,852.79 and acknowledge review of Auditor’s Warrants totaling \$145,309.20. Carried.

Commissioners noted that claims should be available in the boardroom no later than 8:15 a.m. on the day of a meeting to allow ample time for review. They also mentioned the need for department heads to inform them when they will be out of town for conferences or seminars.

A proposal from The Brimeyer Group, Inc. to recruit a new County Engineer was considered.

**04-26-05-17** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the proposal including \$16,000 in fees and \$3,500 to \$4,000 in reimbursable costs. Carried.

Swift County will also be presented with the proposal on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and, if approved, will be splitting the costs with Yellow Medicine County.

A complaint over dust from a gravel pit was discussed. It is not known if the pit was grandfathered in or if a conditional use permit is needed. Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson is researching the issue.

Mr. Antony gave a report on Pioneerland Library and Mr. Anderson reported on Countryside Public Health.

**04-26-05-18** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer