

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

April 27, 2004

Chair Jane Remiger called this regular meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present.

04-27-04-01 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

04-27-04-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda items including the April 13, 2004 minutes and the four budget reallocation/ additional appropriation requests, as presented. Carried.

Mr. Anderson started the Commissioner Board and Committee reports with updates on union negotiations, Prairie County RC&D, the proposed Lamberton waste-to-energy facility, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, and an emergency operations center (EOC) exercise. Mr. Antony also reported on the EOC exercise and a Labor Management Committee meeting. Ms. Remiger attended a regional railroad authority meeting. Mr. Johnson reported on Skywarn Training, Pioneerland Library Board, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC), Prairie V, Extension Services, and Lazarus Creek. Mr. Sherlin discussed the Developmental Achievement Center and Prairie Waters. Ms. Remiger also attended an Engineer/Administrator Executive Committee meeting.

A Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) request for an appointment to their board was considered. Mr. Johnson will solicit candidates.

04-27-04-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to close the public hearing on a tax abatement for Kevin Wald that had been continued from the April 13th meeting. Carried.

There was considerable discussion on the proposed abatement. County business subsidy criteria require an abatement by the city, in conjunction with any County abatement. The City of Granite Falls has rejected an abatement for Mr. Wald.

04-27-04-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to table consideration of an abatement for Mr. Wald until the City of Granite Falls reconsiders and approves an abatement. Carried with Mr. Antony and Ms. Remiger voting against the motion.

Ms. Remiger recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Several upcoming meetings were reviewed.

04-27-04-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to award the bid for lawn mowing at the fairgrounds to Tara Bohms Lawncare for \$80 per mowing. Carried.

Two parcels that became County property, due to flood buyouts, are now tax exempt property. However, filings did not take place in time to exempt the properties from payable 2004 property taxes.

04-27-04-06 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Sherlin to abate the taxes payable in 2004 for parcel 09-010-1090 in the amount of \$818 and parcel 09-010-1080 in the amount of \$454. Carried.

04-27-04-07 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the reallocation and additional appropriation requests as presented by Ms. Sherlin. Carried.

A lease with the Sportsmen's Club, for land adjacent to the fairgrounds, was discussed. The original lease cannot be located and an outdated lease agreement was a sublease with the fair board and not the County. The Board will wait for a lease proposal from the Sportsmen's Club before taking any action.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented two conditional use permit (CUP) applications. Both were being recommended by the Planning Commission.

04-27-04-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Anderson to approve CUP YM-415-04 for Lloyd Schrunk and Roger Johnson to operate a sporting clay shotgun range with the conditions that, after one month of operation, the Planning Commission will determine if a noise buffer or dust control measures are necessary. Carried.

04-27-04-09 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to approve CUP YM-414-04 for Robert Haugen to operate a salvage yard with the following conditions:

1. The Yellow Medicine County Zoning Office shall make random inspections of the site.
 2. Applicant shall plant trees on the south and east sides of the building site.
 3. The capacity of the salvage yard shall be limited to 120 vehicles.
 4. The applicant must reapply for a conditional use permit to expand the salvage yard.
 5. Must comply with the waste disposal plan dated April 20, 2004, as submitted by applicant.
 6. Applicant shall construct a fence within the site.
- Carried.

Engineer John Johnson, Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub, and Engineering Tech Mike Schraffran were present to open bids for four projects. All bids were opened and taken for verification. Engineer Johnson also distributed an updated Shared Engineer budget.

04-27-04-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to set a bid letting for the CSAH 4 project for 1:00 p.m. on May 25, 2004. Carried.

John Kolhei, Ditch Inspector, presented two proposals for cleanout of Joint Ditch #24.

04-27-04-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to accept the proposal from Wollschlager Excavating for JD #24 cleanout of \$20,466.50. Carried.

Michelle Caveney, VSO/Emergency Management Director, presented an outline of how she would use \$150,000 in grant funds she has secured for the County. Equipment, training, and additional part-time staff were included.

04-27-04-12 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to allow Ms. Caveney to accept the grants and to advertise for a temporary part-time position to be funded by the grant. Carried.

Curt Johnson, Head Custodian, presented a quote for shingling the courthouse. He was asked to advertise the project and bring back additional quotes. He also presented two proposals for removing an existing boiler stack and replacing the water heater.

04-27-04-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to accept the proposal from Chappell Central to remove the boiler stack and replace the existing water heater for \$3,338. Carried.

There was discussion on ongoing heating and cooling problems in the new building. Mr. Chattin will meet with affected staff and try to resolve the problem.

Engineer Johnson and Mr. Schaub returned with verified bids for Board action.

04-27-04-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for grading and geotextile fabric on County Road A-1 to R and G Construction Company for \$124,793.43. Carried.

04-27-04-15 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to award the bid for three bridge replacements to R and G Construction Company for \$239,929.00. Carried.

04-27-04-16 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for Phase I of a bituminous bike/pedestrian trail to Duininck Bros., Inc. for \$46,841.00. Carried.

04-27-04-17 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for the 9th Avenue reconstruction project to Duininck Bros., Inc. for \$615,942.24. Carried.

Lois Bonde, Fiscal Officer, presented a recommended listing of fund reserves and designation for 2003. Several designations dealing with Sheriff related expenditures were questioned. Some felt that the Sheriff should have input prior to changing designations. It was noted that these were simply designations and not budget changes. No designated funds could be spent without budget approval.

04-27-04-18 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger, after passing the gavel to Mr. Sherlin, to cap the Sheriff's Contingency Fund reserve at \$5,000 and to inform the Sheriff of the action. The motion carried with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Johnson opposed to the action.

The gavel passed back to Ms. Remiger.

04-27-04-19 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the Fund Equity Reserves and Designations as presented. Carried.

Ms. Bonde reviewed the quarterly report presented.

04-27-04-20 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to appoint Cheryl Rude to the Yellow Medicine County Extension Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2004. Carried.

The only bid received for the sale of an old highway shop building in Granite Falls was reviewed. Assurances from the highway department, that the site is not needed, were desired prior to taking action on the bid.

04-27-04-21 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to table consideration of the bid until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Carried.

04-27-04-22 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to pay the bills as presented totaling \$36,027.62 and to acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$91,424.43. Carried.

Mr. Chattin gave a brief update on health insurance options being considered.
04-27-04-23 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

Jane Remiger, Chair

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer