

## **Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2015**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Ron Antony, Louis Sherlin and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine and Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 08-11-15-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following additions: add propane bid discussion to the Regular Agenda and add Milan Bridge Resolution discussion to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 08-11-15-02** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: approval of the July 28, 2015 County Board meeting minutes; Grant Agreement with Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$7,500 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and resolution #24-2015; Additional Appropriation Requests: Zoning, Economic Development and Property & Public Services; Resignation of Chuck Lecy, Corrections Officer/Dispatcher; Replacement of Corrections Officer/Dispatcher; Hiring of Zach Chapman as a part-time, non-scheduled Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, his salary will be grade 12, step 1 at \$14.81 per hour, his start date is August 12, 2015; Hiring of Michelle Schouviller as a part-time, non-scheduled Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, her salary will be grade 12, step 1 at \$14.81 per hour, her start date is August 18, 2015; Hiring of Aaron Juarez as a part-time, non-scheduled Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, his salary will be grade 12, step 1 at \$14.81 per hour, his start date is August 12, 2015; Promotion of Jeanette Duis to a full-time Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, her salary will be grade 12, step 2 at \$15.31 per hour, her start date is August 28, 2015; Promotion of Sarah Birk to a full-time Corrections Officer/Dispatcher, her salary will be grade 12, step 4 at \$16.35 per hour, her start date is August 26, 2015; Consideration of permanent status for employee; Hiring of Julie Nelson as a Social Worker in the Family Service Center, her salary will be grade 19, step 5 at \$23.78 per hour, her start date is September 1, 2015. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** Glenn and Chris Parrish were in attendance to discuss the condition of County Road 30. Based on the discussion, the County Highway Engineer will authorize an alternative application to a section of that road for the purpose of maintaining safety.

### **Commissioners' Report**

Commissioner Antony reported on buffer strip meeting, recycling contract meeting and workforce center meeting. Commissioner Sherlin reported on RCRCA/Area II, Extension and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Berends reported on buffer strip meeting and Southern Prairie Finance Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on 6W Community Corrections, SWCD, buffer strip meeting, Family Nurse Partnership, Extension, One Watershed One Plan, Watershed meeting, highway meeting and Valley View Estates update. Commissioner Renneke reported on recycling contract meeting, HRA, highway meeting and Timm Park discussion.

Administrator Heglund reported on 2016 insurance rates, Justice Center update, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and budget process.

### **Regular Agenda**

**Ditch Spraying 08-11-15-03** Cindy Anderson, Planning & Zoning Department, presented ditch spraying bids. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the low bids as presented

and to allow the process to be completed by spring 2016. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Department/Program Updates**

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator, updated the Board.

The Board recessed for break at 10:41 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**Regular Agenda (continued)**

Janel Timm, Property & Public Service Director, discussed tax forfeited property.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 08-11-15-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$17,974.77 Ditch Fund, \$46,108.67 Revenue Fund, \$108,788.52 Road & Bridge Fund, \$152,666.88 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.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement 08-11-15-05** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement with the Soil and Water Conservation District. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board discussed the bidding process for propane (heating fuel) at the Highway Shop in Porter.

Administrator Heglund discussed attending a meeting regarding the Milan bridge resolution.

Administrator Heglund asked for clarification regarding building maintenance costs submitted by Fair Board members without prior approval. A letter will be sent instructing Fair Board members on the county procedure for authorizing payment.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** July Vendor Payments

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

**Adjourn 08-11-15-06** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

  
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Peg Heglund, Administrator