

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2007

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington. County Attorney Keith Helgeson attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda 08-14-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: Appoint board representative to engineer committee in Upcoming Meetings/Events; rocks at Canby pit in the Regular Agenda; remove closed meeting – union negotiations from the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 08-14-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 24, 2007, County Board meeting, two additional appropriation requests totaling \$3,591 in expenditures, and designation of Ryan Krosch as the CCOGA group insurance representative. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There were no citizens present to be heard.

Commissioners Reports Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II. Commissioner Johnson reported on MnRAA, WesMN RLF, proposed bike trail meeting, SWCD, 6W Corrections and the Restorative Justice Steering Committee. Commissioner Remiger reported on county based purchasing, Machinery Museum Board and the County Fair. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Safe Communities Committee, county based purchasing and the pandemic plan meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on the Pioneer Library Board and renewable energy forum.

Regular Agenda:

Fill Jailor Position 08-14-07-03 Sheriff Bill Flaten requested authorization to advertise for a vacant jailor position. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to authorize advertisements to fill an existing jailor position. Motion carried.

Clarkfield County Road 24 Agreement 08-14-07-04 Engineer Andy Sander presented an agreement between the City of Clarkfield and Yellow Medicine County for improvements to County Road 24. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve and authorize signature of the agreement as presented for street improvements projects SAP 87-624-03 and SAP 87-624-04 relating to County Highway 24. Motion carried.

Engineer Sander and the Board also discussed the County's bridge inspection program, removal of rocks and boulders in the Canby pit and a left turning lane on MN Highway 23 at County Road 18.

ATV Park Dawn Hegland – RDC, Gregg Soupir – DNR, Gary Hendrickx – Swift County Commissioner and Richard Blackwelder – Mayor of Canby discussed with the Board the process for developing an ATV park in the County, possibly at the County's gravel pit in Canby. The remaining gravel in the pit was also discussed with Engineer Sander. Ms. Hegland, Mr. Hendrickx and Mr. Soupir talked about their experience with developing the ATV park near Appleton and the funding that is available for this type of project. The Board discussed visiting the Appleton ATV park and discussing this item more at a future Board meeting.

2008 Tourism Funding 08-14-07-05 Dawn Hegland with the RDC presented several requests for tourism funding in 2008. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the Prairie Waters CVB funding of \$13,310 for 2008. Motion carried.

Economic Development Programs Julie Rath with the Redwood Area Development Corporation attended the meeting to discuss several economic development programs and the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority.

Appropriation Request – Timm Park 08-14-07-06 Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom requested an additional appropriation to complete grass seeding, electrical, water and road work in Timm Park this fall. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve an appropriation of \$20,000 for Timm Park improvements as presented. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting opposed to the motion.

Unallocated Fund Compliance Report and Budget 08-14-07-07 Recorder Kay Zemel presented the Recorder's 2006 Compliance Report as required by MN Statute 357.182. The report shows the County Recorder's Office is in compliance with the statute's requirements for 2006. A proposed 2008 budget for the Recorder's Unallocated Fund was also presented and discussed. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to accept the compliance report as presented. Motion carried.

Signs for War Memorial 08-14-07-08 VSO Michelle Gatz requested an additional appropriation for signs for the War Memorial. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve an appropriation for \$1625 for signs for the War Memorial. Motion carried.

Chairman Antony recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Chairman Antony reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Auditor/Treasurer Replacement 08-14-07-09 Administrator Krosch informed the Board that only one person, County Fiscal Officer Lois Bonde, applied for the interim auditor/treasurer position. The Board discussed salary and how the fiscal officer position would be filled if Ms. Bonde was appointed as interim auditor/treasurer. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Lois Bonde as the interim auditor/treasurer effective September 1, 2007, at a starting salary of Step 8, Grade 26 on the 2007 County salary schedule and to authorize advertising for an administrative secretary position that will be shared between the Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator Departments. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting opposed to the motion.

Reallocation Request – IT Needs Assessment 08-14-07-10 Administrator Krosch requested to reallocate funds to have a County IT needs assessment completed. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to reallocate \$6,000 within the Technology Services Account to hire Shawn Larsen with Morris Electronics to complete a County IT needs assessment. Motion carried.

2008 Budget and Levy Discussion Administrator Krosch and County Fiscal Officer Bonde presented the Board with a summary of the preliminary 2008 budget and levy. The Board will discuss the budget and levy again at their next meeting.

Other Business: None

Department Reports The county attorney and administrator gave reports to the Board.

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

Ditch #8 Alternate 08-14-07-11 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint Commissioner Johnson as an alternate to the Ditch #8 Board. Motion carried.

Engineer Review Committee 08-14-07-12 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Commissioner Sherlin to the Engineer Review Committee. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 08-14-07-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$50,283.54 Revenue Fund, \$147,833.31 Road and Bridge Fund and \$893.15 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$48,404.99. Motion carried.

Informational The Board reviewed several informational items.

Adjourn 08-14-07-14 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 2:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chair

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer