

Yellow Medicine County Board Special Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2020

Chairman John Berends called this special meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:05 a.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Gary Johnson, Ron Antony and Greg Renneke also present (all via teleconference). Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson (via teleconference), Finance & Administration Deputy/HR Coordinator Ashley Soine (via teleconference) and Finance Manager Lacey Rigge (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the August 20, 2020 special meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Regular Agenda

Administrator Steinbach and Finance Manager Rigge presented additional topics to be considered regarding the budget.

MCIT Insurance 08-20-20-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to establish separation for insurance for the Historical Society, Machinery Museum and the Fairgrounds. The County will pay premiums on County-owned buildings and the entities will pay premiums on property & casualty insurance and worker's compensation insurance. The appropriation to each entity will increase \$2,000 for a total of \$23,000 per year. Staff will continue to research information on the additional buildings on the property where the Machinery Museum is located. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lac Qui Parle Diversion Ditch 08-20-20-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to table the discussion on the Lac qui Parle Diversion Ditch. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Solid Waste Special Assessment 08-20-20-03 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to increase the Solid Waste Special Assessment annual fee from \$10 per parcel to \$15 per parcel. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson, Kack, Renneke and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Antony voting against.

The board discussed the Highway Department's role in mowing and demolition of tax forfeited properties. There will be more discussion on this topic in the future as the board weighs costs of external and internal mowing and demolition of tax forfeited properties.

Tax Forfeited Property 08-20-20-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to authorize Property & Public Services Director Janel Timm to move forward with the bid process for asbestos testing and demolition of two tax forfeited properties. The Highway Department will analyze costs to do the process internally. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Renneke and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

The Board recessed for break at 11:23 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

The board discussed the Fairgrounds Management contract. No action was taken at that time.

Andy Sander, Dan Moravetz and Jeff Bush, Highway Department, discussed chip sealing, blading during dry times, weed spraying and new/widening of approaches.