

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:07 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Glen Kack and Gary Johnson present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson and Advocate Tribune reporter Kyle Klausung.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 08-22-17-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following additions: add contract proposal from The Village Business Institute for mediation services to Regular Agenda and add signage at the Justice Center to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 08-22-17-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 8, 2017 County Board meeting minutes; replacement of Assistant County Engineer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 08-22-17-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$34,945.55 Ditch Fund, \$73,794.98 Revenue Fund, \$9,780.61 Road & Bridge Fund, \$68,639.82 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.

Commissioner John Berends and Commissioner Greg Renneke joined the meeting.

Ian Olson and Brooke Buysse, Soil and Water Conservation District, were introduced to the Board.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, SW Workforce Council, MCIT meeting and broadband meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on Planning Commission, two Personnel Committee meetings and update on City of Echo road work. Commissioner Johnson reported on Clarkfield school task force, Prairie Lakes, two Personnel Committee meetings, Justice Center open house and citizen complaint. Commissioner Berends reported on broadband meeting, Historical Society and Justice Center open house. Commissioner Kack reported on Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Committee, CEE-6 Drug Task Force and Western Mental Health Center.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, horse arena usage at the Fairgrounds and bus garage options in Canby. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

The board discussed additional 'No Weapons' signage at the entrance of the Justice Center. Administrator Heglund will contact the vendor and have the additional signage added to the front entrance.

Contract Proposal 08-22-17-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the contract proposal for mediation services from The Village Business Institute with expenses incurred only if utilized. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Michelle May, Finance Manager and Heather Anderson, State Auditor's Office, presented the 2016 Audit Report.

The board recessed for break at 10:24 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-585-17, Heather Briggs 08-22-17-05

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator and Cindy Anderson, Administrative Secretary, presented a recommendation from the Planning commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-585-17 for Heather Briggs, Porter, MN, to operate a dog kennel, a business use, in the Rural Preservation Management District. The site is located in part of the southeast one-quarter (SE¼) of Section 7 in Wergeland Township T-114-N R-44-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance requires a Conditional Use permit to operate a business in the Rural Preservation Management District.

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-585-17 for Heather Briggs with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall obtain all necessary State and/or Federal licenses as required by the number of breeding animals in the facility. A copy of said license shall be submitted to the Land and Resource Management Office.
2. Applicant shall submit a dead animal disposal plan to the Land and Resource Management Office within 30 days of approval of this permit.
3. All feces shall be incorporated and remain at least 10 feet away from any tile intake.
4. If the owner wishes to expand the business to more than the 25 adult intact dogs permitted for, the owner must contact the Zoning Coordinator.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-586-17, David Eid 08-22-17-06

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator and Cindy Anderson, Administrative Secretary, presented a recommendation from the Planning commission to deny conditional use permit request YM-586-17 for David Eid, Montevideo, MN, to construct and operate a 5 megawatt Solar Garden covering approximately 40 acres on Parcel 17-233-3031 and Parcel 17-233-3010 located in part of the northwest one-quarter (NW¼) and located in part of the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter (N½ SW¼) of Section 33 in Stony Run North Township T-117-N R-40-W. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for Solar Energy Farms.

Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to table Conditional Use Permit YM-586-17 for David Eid until the next board meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Accept CD 9 petition 08-22-17-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to accept the Petition for Improvement of County Ditch 9 pending confirmation that 26% of signatures have been collected. The minimum of \$10,000 has been posted by the Petitioners. The board appointed I & S Group, Inc. as the Engineer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

MnDOT Detour Agreement 08-22-17-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the MnDOT Detour Agreement and corresponding resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Broadband Project 08-22-17-09 Kevin Beyer, Advanced Communications in Rural America, presented information regarding a broadband project. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agreement with Advanced Communications in Rural America (ACIRA). The agreement would be contingent upon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (ACIRA) being awarded a State of MN Border to Border Grant in 2017 in an amount equal to at least 49% of the cost of the project or \$4,000,000. The other half of the cost (51%) would be coming from Yellow Medicine County through an Abatement Bond that would be paid by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company over a 20 year period. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Department/Program Updates

Sarah Ackerman, Western Mental Health Center, gave an update.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center, gave an update.

Rochelle Peterson, PACT for Families Collaborative, gave an update.

Dawn Hegland and Melissa Streich, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, gave an update.

The board recessed for break at 2:51 p.m.

The board reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Regular Agenda (continued)

Michelle May, Finance Manager and Administrator Heglund presented the first draft of the 2018 budget.

Other Business None

Informational July Jail Report

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

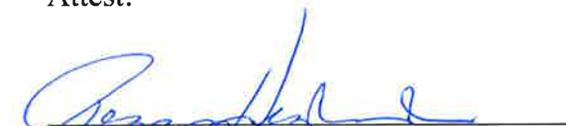
Adjourn 08-22-17-10 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator