

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

August 9, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present. Commissioner Jane Remiger was absent. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived shortly after the meeting started.

**08-09-05-01** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a mine tour and overnight stay notification. Carried.

**08-09-05-02** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of the July 26, 2005 regular meeting minutes and a reallocation request. Carried.

Under reports, Mr. Sherlin covered Western Minnesota Prairie Waters, Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, and an airport hearing. Mr. Johnson discussed a parks tour, Family Services Task Force meeting, an Extension regional meeting, and Region 6W Community Corrections. Mr. Antony covered a Creative Solutions meeting. Mr. Anderson attended Safety Committee, Family Services Task Force, Region 6W Community Corrections, and Finance Committee.

Upcoming meetings and events were reviewed.

There were no citizens to be heard.

Jackie Turner-Lovsness, Micro-Enterprise Specialist, presented a video produced by the Southwest Minnesota Foundation. She also reviewed future events and efforts planned by the foundation. They are requesting \$3,320 for 2006.

Peggy Heglund, Family Services Director, presented an employee leave of absence request.

**08-09-05-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to grant a leave of absence, concurrent with a Family Medical Leave Act leave, to Nancy Hanson starting August 1, 2005 with no fixed termination date. Carried.

Tom Watson, Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Regional Tourism Coordinator, discussed the future of Prairie Waters. Their funding has dropped about 40% in recent years and additional funding is needed. There was discussion on how to secure the future of the organization.

**08-09-05-04** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to open a public hearing to consider an Adult Use/Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance at 10:40 a.m. Carried.

Ron Doty, Swede Prairie Township Clerk, asked some questions about the ordinance. No other comments, written or oral, have been received.

Mr. Anderson closed the hearing at 10:45 a.m.

**08-09-05-05** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the Adult Use/Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance as presented. Carried.

Pete Schmitz was present to represent a conditional use permit (CUP) request by the Canby Farmer's Co-op.

**08-09-05-06** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to grant a CUP to the Canby Farmer's Co-op to construct a 400-foot communication tower and accessory structure, as recommended by the Planning Commission, with the following conditions:

1. All FAA requirements must be met.
2. The base of the tower shall be fenced to restrict access.
3. The anchors for the guy wires shall be fenced, reflectors shall be placed on the fencing, and anchors must have a 30' setback from side and rear property lines.

4. Accessory structures shall be secured to prevent unauthorized access.
5. Grass and weeds on the site must be controlled in accordance with the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law and Rules.

Carried.

There was discussion on having Commissioners involved with hiring of new County personnel.

**08-09-05-07** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to add the following language to Policy 202 – Recruitment and Selection of Employees, Section 202.404: “Commissioners with specific departmental responsibilities will be notified of all employee interviews within that department.”

Carried.

Mavis Gustavson, Minnesota Machinery Museum Director, and three of her board members were present to cover Southern Minnesota Tourism Association (SMTA) and Machinery Museum budget requests. SMTA is requesting \$581 for 2006 and the Machinery Museum would like an increase from \$19,500 to \$21,500 to cover some refinishing of woodwork. There was considerable discussion on how to handle building maintenance issues. It was decided to budget \$19,500 for 2006 and have Ms. Gustavson solicit estimates for doing the refinishing, outside of their regular budget.

Steve Schaub, Assistant Engineer, presented several highway issues.

**08-09-05-08** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for six County bridges to R and G Construction Company for \$698,769.25. Carried.

**08-09-05-09** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears to the Yellow Medicine County Board that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County State Aid Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yellow Medicine County Board that the road described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of Trunk Highway 59 and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Clarkfield, in Section 4, Township 115 North, Range 41 West; thence easterly along 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the intersection with 10<sup>th</sup> Street; thence south on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the intersection with 10<sup>h</sup> Avenue, also known as Trunk Highway 67; and there terminating. The length of this roadway segment being 0.28 miles.

be, and hereby is, revoked as a County State Aid Highway of Yellow Medicine County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration.

Carried.

**08-09-05-10** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears to the Yellow Medicine County Board that the road hereinafter described should be designated as a County State Aid Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yellow Medicine County Board that the road described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point along the centerline of Trunk Highway 59 a distance of 3253.91 ft south of the northwest corner of Section 9, Township 115N, Range

41 W, in the City of Clarkfield; thence south 88 degrees 43 minutes 25 seconds east a distance of 1163.06 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 2362.06 feet to existing intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road. Continue north on 10<sup>th</sup> Street a distance of 803 feet to the intersection with 10<sup>h</sup> Avenue, also known as Trunk Highway 67; and there terminating. The length of this roadway segment being 0.82 miles.

be, and hereby is, established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of the County of Yellow Medicine, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration, and that upon his approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same to be constructed, improved, and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Yellow Medicine, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway 24.

Carried.

Mr. Schaub noted that the State shop will most likely be closing and there is a possibility that they may be interested in a joint project with the County. They have also received many applications for Equipment Operator. Several project updates were also given.

Having a private audit firm do the County audit was considered. Lois Bonde, Fiscal Officer, and Lynell Sunderland, Family Services Accountant, were present to support the continued use of State auditors. Ms. Bonde also noted that a private firm would likely be more expensive and that current accounting staff were satisfied with State services. The Board took no action to change our auditors.

**08-09-05-11** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the LELS #67 Contract Extension and Modification as presented. Carried.

A possible tour of a mining operation was tabled until Commissioner Remiger is present.

**08-09-05-12** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$100,054.30 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$45,335.24. Carried.

Commissioners commented on employees not notifying them, as is County policy, when they are out-of-town overnight. Mr. Chattin will again bring this up at Management Group. If future notifications are not made, payment may be withheld.

**08-09-05-13** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer