

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

December 13, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present. Commissioner Gary Johnson and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived shortly after the meeting started.

**12-13-05-01** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the agenda with the addition of a MCIT issue and a HAVA discussion and to also approve the consent agenda consisting of the November 22, 2005 regular meeting minutes, December 1, 2005 Truth-in-Taxation minutes, a resolution approving Rural Water Board appointments, a MAXIMUS cost allocation contract, three reallocation/additional appropriation requests, and setting the January 3, 2006 Board meeting for 2:00 p.m. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Prairie Waters, Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl/Meander, Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, and a livestock report issued by Senator Steve Dille. Mr. Johnson also attended Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects and commented on the AMC Conference and Prairie Five CAC. Ms. Remiger gave updates on Yellow Medicine Historical Society, the AMC Conference, and a waste-to-energy meeting. Mr. Anderson discussed an ATP hearing, Finance Committee, and Labor Management Committee.

No citizens were present to be heard.

Three representatives from Granite Falls Coating and Manufacturing reviewed their plan to catch up on back property taxes. They currently owe \$24,339.77 which includes \$5,120.77 in penalties, interest, and costs. They proposed paying \$701.00 on two parcels by December 20<sup>th</sup> and \$1,500 per month on the third. They requested forgiveness of the penalties, interest, and costs assessed.

**12-13-05-02** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to forgive any accrued penalties, interest, and costs on the three parcels providing \$2,201 is received by December 20, 2005, additional payments of \$1,500 per month are received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month until all past due taxes are paid, and payable 2006 taxes are paid on time for all three parcels. Carried, with Mr. Johnson opposed.

Mavis Gustavson, Minnesota Machinery Museum Director, presented a proposal from Vetter Johnson Architects for design work on the Machinery Museum. Phase One involves an elevator and would cost \$5,300 and Phase Two was for HVAC improvements at a cost of \$3,400. Designs are needed in order to apply for a federal grant by February.

**12-13-05-03** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to appropriate \$8,700 in 2005 out of surplus funds for the design work requested. Carried.

Ms. Gustavson will be contacting the UMVRDC for grant writing assistance.

Kathy Busack, Jail Administrator, presented a jail addition concept drawing prepared by Vetter Johnson Architects. The design would eliminate the Huber dorm and add additional cells. Jail capacity would increase by 2, with a single level, or by 18 if double-decked.

**12-13-05-04** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to obtain rough cost estimates on possible jail design concepts from Vetter Johnson before further consideration. Carried.

**12-13-05-05** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to promote

Correctional Officer Ashley Staab from part-time to full-time and to advertise for a fill-in part-time position. Carried.

Ditch Inspector John Kolhei updated the Board on beaver activity and a culvert replacement. A private ditch in the County right-of-way was also discussed. Mr. Sherlin will be discussing a possible drainage proposal with a landowner. Mr. Kolhei suggested adding insulation in the Clarkfield building. He was asked to obtain some more information on that possibility.

Paul Henriksen, Lyon County Environmental Administrator, discussed a new Agreement for Solid Waste Services.

**12-13-05-06** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve a new Agreement for Solid Waste Services with Lyon County for 2006. Carried.

A resolution, presented by County Attorney Tom Kramer, for the employment of a Special Assistant County Attorney was considered.

**12-13-05-07** Motion by Ms. Remiger to adopt a resolution to appoint a Special Assistant County Attorney. Mr. Anderson passed the gavel to Mr. Antony and seconded the motion whereupon a roll-call vote was taken, and unanimous support given for, the following resolution:

Upon the request of the Yellow Medicine County Attorney and by virtue of the authority vested in the Yellow Medicine County Board by M.S. 388.09, a motion was presented to said board on December 13, 2005, and after due consideration, said motion was duly passed for the employment of L. Douglas Storey as Special Assistant County Attorney for Yellow Medicine County. This appointment shall be for a term necessary for the charge review and the prosecution of any resulting criminal cases to be brought before the Yellow Medicine County District Court upon the investigation of the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and associated law enforcement agencies regarding football board gambling conduct by the Granite Falls Fire Department, its members, an unincorporated association known as the Granite Falls Fishing Organization, its members and associates with said groups and persons. Employment for this prosecution shall be effective from the date of referral to Mr. Storey by the Yellow Medicine County Attorney. Mr. Storey shall file the oath set forth below with the Yellow Medicine County Attorney. Compensation shall be paid at the rate of \$85.00 per hour for this service.

Mr. Antony returned the gavel to Mr. Anderson.

Ms. Remiger presented an invoice for \$1,000 from Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. It will be paid in 2005.

**12-13-05-08** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the 2006 Budget as presented. Additional discussion found that the Pioneerland Library maintenance-of-effort needed to be increased to \$63,807 and the automation budget eliminated causing a net increase of \$4,054 in expenditures. The following 2006 budget was then approved on a unanimous vote:

<b>Combined Fund Overview:</b>	<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Surplus (Deficit)</u></b>
Revenue Fund	4,843,395	4,825,482	17,913
Bond Fund	285,500	268,260	17,240
Road and Bridge Fund	2,626,454	3,110,772	(484,318)
Family Services Fund	<u>3,336,515</u>	<u>3,383,450</u>	<u>(46,935)</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>11,091,864</u></b>	<b><u>11,587,964</u></b>	<b><u>(496,100)</u></b>

**12-13-05-09** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to adopt a 2006 levy as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2005 Adopted Levy</b>	<b>2006 Adopted Levy</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	3,326,448	3,430,672
<b>Road &amp; Bridge</b>	1,387,454	1,387,454
<b>Welfare</b>	1,602,015	1,642,015
<b>Library</b>	54,226	63,807
<b>Score</b>	12,375	12,325
<b>Water Plan</b>	2,510	2,619
<b>Law Enforcement Center - Bond Principal &amp; Interest</b>	284,300	283,700
<b>Proposed Levy</b>	<b>\$6,669,328</b>	<b>\$6,822,592</b>
<b>Less County Program Aid</b>	820,315	798,109
<b>Net Proposed Levy</b>	<b>5,849,013</b>	<b>6,024,483</b>

Carried.

**12-13-05-10** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$227,212.14 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$1,882,403.69. Carried.

The lack of insurance coverage for a totaled 2005 Chevrolet Impala squad car was discussed. The vehicle did not get listed on the County's MCIT policy, although it was felt that coverage would be obtained. Mr. Chattin will develop a policy and forms to ensure that this does not happen in the future and present them at the next meeting.

It was noted that the Extension Committee needs representatives. Mr. Sherlin will recruit from his area.

**12-13-05-11** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer