

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin and John Berends 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 Alex Sina.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 12-13-16-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-13-16-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: November 22, 2016 County Board meeting minutes, November 22, 2016 Work Session minutes, replacement of Heavy Equipment Operator, consideration of permanent status, Budget Change Request forms for Family Service Center, Zoning and Sheriff and Resolution #24-2016 to Support a Fastlane Grant Application for Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority. Resolution #25-2016 to Commit Fund Balance was pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Johnson reported on RDC, union meetings, Prairie Five, Revolving Loan Fund, Clarkfield School Building Task Force, 6W Community Corrections, AMC conference, Personnel Committee and Highway meeting. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Berends reported on Southern Prairie Community Care, AMC conference and Prairie Waters. Commissioner Renneke reported on Southwest Regional Solid Waste, Personnel Committee and Highway meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, HRA, Chemical Health Coalition, union meetings and AMC conference.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, Justice Center update and flag discussion. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Open Public Hearing 12-13-16-03 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to open the public hearing at 3:06 p.m. regarding the 2017 Fee Schedule. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Public Hearing 12-13-16-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to close the public hearing at 3:13 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Fee Schedule and Resolution #26-2016 12-13-16-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to table the 2017 Fee Schedule and Resolution #26-2016 to the December 27, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Late Tax Payment Penalty 12-13-16-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to deny the request to waive penalty for late property tax payments for Sig and Joan Armitage. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson, Renneke, Berends and Antony voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

Donation Acceptance Policy 12-13-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Donation Acceptance Policy as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Salt Shed 12-13-16-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the low bids from The Sawmill in the amount of \$2,992.12 and Al's Concrete Products in the amount of \$8,600 for a salt shed in Wood Lake. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 3:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 12-13-16-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$16,024.42 Ditch Fund, \$65,192.54 Revenue Fund, \$96,973.68 Road & Bridge Fund, \$93,510.26 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.

Chemical Health Coalition 12-13-16-10 Conrad Osland, Chemical Health Coalition Specialist, presented information regarding the Chemical Health Coalition. School groups, local agencies and community members were in attendance to support the Chemical Health Coalition. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to fund the Chemical Health Coalition Specialist position up to \$68,000 for 2017 (funded from Reserves). Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Sherlin, Berends and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Department/Program Updates

Dennis Pederson, IT Department, gave an update.

Connie Erickson, Assessor, gave an update.

Regular Agenda (continued)

Close Meeting 12-13-16-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the meeting at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Peggy Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and County Finance and Administration Deputy/Human Resources Coordinator Ashley Soine.

Open Meeting 12-13-16-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to re-open the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #25-2016 to Commit Fund Balance 12-13-16-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution #25-2016 to Commit Fund Balance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Michelle May, Finance Manager, gave an update on the 2016 budget.

Recess 12-13-16-14 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to recess the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Reconvene 12-13-16-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to reconvene at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of the 2017 levy, County budget and ditch budget was tabled until the December 27, 2016 Board meeting.

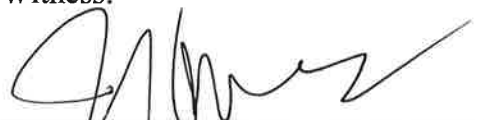
Other Business None

Informational November Vendor Payments

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


Adjourn 12-13-16-16 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:


Peggy Heglund, County Administrator

**Yellow Medicine County Board Truth in Taxation Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016**

Open Meeting 12-13-16-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to open the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Berends took comments on the 2017 proposed tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were County Assessor Connie Erickson, Ed Laleman, Michael and Amanda Kack. All in attendance were given time to comment on the 2017 proposed levy and budget and also to comment on their 2017 property valuation.

Adjourn 12-13-16-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator