

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2019**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Gary Johnson, John Berends and Ron Antony also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jim Muchlinski and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 12-17-19-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following addition: add Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Program to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 12-17-19-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: November 26, 2019 County Board meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status; budget amendment forms; Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Program for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$4,493 each fiscal year of 2020 and 2021. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 12-17-19-03** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$65,415.22 Ditch Fund, \$148,121.93 Revenue Fund, \$60,344.81 Road & Bridge Fund, \$100,243.54 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.

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Kack reported on Area II/RCRCA, AMC conference, Southwest 18 Adult Mental Health and Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Waters, AMC conference and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Johnson reported on Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, Parks Committee, 6W Community Corrections, old Clarkfield school update, AMC conference and union negotiations. Commissioner Renneke reported on union negotiations, PACT for Families, ditch meeting and Parks Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, AMC conference, ditch meeting, MCIT meeting and Pioneerland Library System.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Department/Program Updates**

Dennis Pederson, Information Technology, gave an update.

**Regular Agenda**

**Timm Park Campground Host 12-17-19-04** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Shellie and Jeff Tanke as the Campground Host at Timm Park for 2020. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Fairgrounds Property Management Agreement 12-17-19-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Fairgrounds Property Management Agreement with Doug Waltz from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$5,250. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Renneke and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Department/Program Updates (continued)**

Connie Erickson, Assessor, gave an update.

The board recessed for break at 3:40 p.m.

The board reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

**Regular Agenda (continued)**

**Open Public Hearing 12-17-19-06** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to open the public hearing at 4:00 p.m. regarding the 2020 Fee Schedule. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Close Public Hearing 12-17-19-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Fee Schedule and Resolution #37-2019 12-17-19-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the 2020 Fee Schedule and Resolution #37-2019 as presented with the change to the golf cart/motorcycle rate. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager and Administrator Steinbach discussed the 2020 budget.

**Close Meeting 12-17-19-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Human Resources Coordinator Ashley Soine and Finance Manager Lacey Rigge. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Open Meeting 12-17-19-10** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2020 Salary for Non-union Employees 12-17-19-11** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a 2.5% cost of living adjustment in 2020 for non-union employees. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2020 Salary for Commissioners 12-17-19-12** Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve a 2.5% cost of living adjustment in 2020 for Commissioners. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

**2020 Salary for Sheriff and Attorney 12-17-19-13** Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve moving onto the new salary schedule in 2020 for Sheriff and Attorney, but no cost of living adjustment. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

**2020 Salary for Sheriff and Attorney 12-17-19-14** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a 2.5% cost of living adjustment and to move onto the new salary schedule in 2020 for Sheriff and Attorney. Sheriff salary will be \$99,461.87 annually. Attorney salary will be \$118,460.68 annually. Motion carried with Commissioner Berends, Antony, Renneke and Kack voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Personnel Policy 12-17-19-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Personnel Policy update for Section 201.414 (Paydays) as presented and to approve the change of the January 1, 2021 payroll to January 4, 2021. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

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

**Adjourn 12-17-19-16** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator

**Yellow Medicine County Board Truth in Taxation Meeting Minutes  
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Chairman Greg Renneke opened the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Ron Antony, Glen Kack, John Berends, Greg Renneke, Gary Johnson and County Administrator Angie Steinbach.

Chair Renneke took comments on the 2020 proposed tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were County Assessor Connie Erickson and Finance Manager Lacey Rigge. One member of the public was there with a concern regarding a township road.

**Adjourn 12-17-19-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Witness:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator