

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW  
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA  
December 26, 2006**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 11:30 am on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, with the following members present: Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Louis Sherlin, and Chair Lynn Anderson. Also present were County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, County Engineer Andy Sander, news reporters Scott Tedrick, & Dick Wambeke. The Chairperson called the meeting to order. On motion by Sherlin, seconded by Remiger, the agenda for the day and the minutes for December 12 were approved.

**12/26/06-1** Budget reallocation changes were requested from Extension in the amount of \$350 and from Zoning for the amount of \$800 and an additional appropriation of \$100 for Zoning. Johnson moved for approval, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

**12/26/06-2** Sherlin moved to approve the agreement with DAC for cleaning the fairgrounds at \$28 per hour and the highway shop located in Canby and Porter for \$21 per hour. Antony seconded, motion carried.

**12/26/06-3** The following resolution from Community Corrections was presented for adoption:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

Yellow Medicine County acknowledges and agrees that as of the date of this document, the County is a Joint Powers member of 6W Community Corrections, which is organized per the authority granted in MS 401.01 through 401.16.

Yellow Medicine County acknowledges and consents to 6W Community Corrections obtaining a loan from Chippewa County in the amount of \$120,000 at 6% interest for ten years in order to purchase and renovate a building located at 129 West Nichols Ave, Montevideo MN, for the purpose of housing the 6W Community Corrections Office.

As a member of the 6W Community Corrections Joint Powers Agreement, Yellow Medicine County hereby agrees to share with the three remaining counties of Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, and Swift in all liabilities and assets pertaining to the loan and purchase of the property in an amount equivalent to the percentage rate of each county's portion of the aggregate county contribution to 6W Community Corrections for the calendar year in question. Should the building be liquidated at any time, any outstanding portion of the loan still due to Chippewa County should be paid in full before any proceeds from the sale of the building are distributed between the counties.

Johnson moved for adoption, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Antony reported on the recent PIK meeting and Remiger reported on the Historical Society and the Regional Railroad meetings.

**12/26/06-4** Highway Engineer Andy Sander requested budget changes to reflect an increase of \$2,655,083 in revenues reflecting state aid monies received in 2006, and reallocations of \$220,472 in maintenance, administration, engineering and shop and an increase of \$2,655,083 in expenditures. Antony moved for approval, Sherlin seconded motion carried.

**12/26/06-5** Sander requested permission to advertise for the 2007 seasonal bids, Johnson moved, Antony seconded, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-6** Final payment in the amount of \$84,152.30 payable to Duininick Brothers was approved for State Aid Project 87-617-12 on motion by Johnson, seconded by Remiger and all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-7** Permission was granted for the purchase of a 2008 Ford F-450 from Elk River Ford at a cost of \$29,530 using the state bid system. Antony moved, Sherlin seconded, all voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the request by DNR to purchase property owned by the county near St. Leo. After discussion, Johnson moved to deny the request, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

The engineer drafted a letter to MNDot requesting the upgrade of Highway 59 from Clarkfield to Marshall since this road has not had any work done on it for at least 15 years. Complaints about the safety aspect due to the lack of shoulders have surfaced from many citizens in the area. RDC will be coordinating letters concerning this stretch of highway and will forward them to MNDot. It was agreed to send a copy to the Lyon County Board.

**12/26/06-8** Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz requested an additional budget appropriation of \$700.08 for additional salaries for 2006. Antony moved, Johnson seconded, motion carried. She also mentioned the application of a Competitive Grant to be used for moving expenses for the county museum building. Antony moved to authorize this application, Remiger seconded, motion carried. It was noted that a new site for the museum has not yet been determined.

**12/26/06-9** Bill Shuna representing the DNR requested permission for the purchase of Parcel #20-006-1010. This land will be used for water and wildlife conservation purposes. This acreage is currently enrolled in the CREP program. Shuma stated that the property tax receipts for the county will double because the state will pay the "in lieu of taxes" after the purchase. After discussion, Sherlin moved to approve the request for acquisition, Antony seconded motion. Motion carried with Johnson voting no.

**12/26/06-10** Sheriff Bill Flaten requested an extension of the \$7000 ATV grant for the 2007 budget year. Sherlin moved to approve, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

**12/26/06-11** The sheriff referred to the motion made by the board on October 8, 1992, calling for a 5% differential pay status between the sheriff and the chief deputy. He requested that his 2007 salary be increased by that amount. After consideration, Antony moved to set the 2007 salary for the sheriff at \$68,003. Sherlin seconded, motion carried with Johnson voting no.

**12/26/06-12** Sherlin then moved to rescind the motion made on October 8, 1992, referring the 5% differential in pay for the sheriff. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-13** Anderson stated that all negotiations were complete and called for a motion to approve the Union Agreement for the Law Enforcement Labor Services for the correction officers. The agreement is for the period of January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2007. Sherlin moved to approve the agreement, Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-14** Antony then moved to set the minimum salary for part-time correctional officers to be the same as first step employees. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-15** The sheriff requested temporary employment of Julie Nordaune for his office during vacation times etc. when his regular staff are away. Johnson moved for approval, Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

**12/26/06-16** The 2007 Budget and tax levy were discussed. Antony moved to set the 2007 Final Property Tax Levy at \$6,385,952 which is a 6% increase over the 2006 levy with the following designations:

Revenue	\$3,412,476
Road & Bridge	1,709,315
Welfare	1,693,530
Library	69,145
Water Plan	2,661
Jail Bonds	283,000
Total Levy	7,170,127
Less program aid	-784,175
Net Levy	\$6,385,952

The 2007 budget was set at:

Revenue Income:	\$4,951,465	Expenses:	\$4,994,151
Road & Bridge:	7,239,225	Expenses:	7,623,255
Bond Fund	383,000	Expenses:	367,522
Family Services Fund:	3,750,530	Expenses:	3,750,530

Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-17** Sherlin moved to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$50,719.56 for Revenue; \$86,098.32; and \$3270.53 for Ditch. Antony seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**12/26/06-18** Antony moved to approve the 2007 Ditch Budget, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor. As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion, adjourned.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer