

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2013**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Ethan Groothuis. Absent was County Attorney Keith Helgeson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 12-26-13-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda with the following additions: add tobacco license for Porter Café to Regular Agenda and add discussion on previous mower bids to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-26-13-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 17, 2013 County Board meeting minutes, Budget Change Requests for Sheriff Boat & Water, Sheriff Snowmobile and Road & Bridge, Resolution #27-2013 to accept gifts and grants for the Yellow Medicine County Veterans Memorial, Renewal of agreement with Thomson Reuters for law research books, termination of probationary employee and approve replacement of probationary employee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tobacco License 12-26-13-03 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the tobacco license for the Porter Café pending paperwork completion. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board discussed the previous bids for a lawn mower.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Renneke reported on Soil & Water. Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Antony reported on SW Workforce Council and Pioneerland, Commissioner Berends reported on Union Negotiations, Southern Prairie and Railroad Authority. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Lakes and RDC.

Department/Program Updates None

Regular Agenda

2014 Salary for Non-union Employees 12-26-13-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and an additional \$100 to each VEBA account or Health Savings Account for non-union employees. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2014 Salary for Commissioners/Per Diems 12-26-13-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment, an additional \$100 to each VEBA account or Health Savings Account and to leave per diems the same as 2013 for Commissioners. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Sherlin and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioners Antony and Berends voting against.

Lease agreement with Prairie Five 12-26-13-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the lease agreement to rent garage space with Prairie Five CAC, Inc. from

