

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

December 27, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

12-27-05-01 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of: removal of the Dennis Van Hoof agenda item; adding a 2005 Ditch budget; discussion on a culvert replacement; Extension representatives; Area Transportation Partnership; Clarkfield airport; insurance coverage for squad cars; and Sheriff replacement. Carried.

12-27-05-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the consent agenda including December 13, 2005 regular meeting minutes, several reallocation/additional appropriation requests, and a Countryside Tobacco Compliance contract. Carried.

Mr. Anderson reported on Labor Management Committee, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, Countryside Public Health, a HAVA meeting, and an emergency management pandemic meeting. Mr. Antony discussed Pioneerland Library and Private Industry Council. Ms. Remiger attended Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area and Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. Mr. Johnson covered UMVRDC and initiated discussion on a regional airport proposed by Joseph Driscoll. Mr. Johnson has visited several times with Mr. Driscoll and attended an informational meeting to discuss an airport. He requested that a letter of support be drafted for the airport project with the Board concurring.

12-27-05-03 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to open the public hearing on the County Election Equipment Plan at 1:07 p.m. Carried.

There were no citizens present for the hearing. Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin discussed a summary plan for election equipment. A motion was made and seconded by Mr. Sherlin and Mr. Antony but withdrawn as Ms. Sherlin did not have the final plan available for adoption. Mr. Anderson closed the hearing at 1:20 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson and Andy Bobrytzke, representing Midwest Wireless, discussed a conditional use permit (CUP) application for a proposed tower. The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the CUP.

12-27-05-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Midwest Wireless CUP with the following conditions:

1. The anchors for the guy wires shall be fenced and reflectors shall be placed on the fencing.
2. Lighting will consist of red blinking lights at night and white strobe lights during the day.
3. Grass and weeds shall be maintained and controlled.
4. The tower base shall be fenced.

Carried.

Mr. Jacobson reviewed land use permits issued for 2004 and 2005 and discussed future requirements for manure management plans. He also requested an appropriation for a new computer in the zoning office.

12-27-05-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve \$2,200 from unallocated filing fees, with the required additional appropriation, for the purchase of a new computer in the zoning office. Carried.

12-27-05-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Yellow Medicine County supports economic development in the County; and

Whereas, Joseph Driscoll has proposed the development of an airport in the County without requesting any governmental funding; and

Whereas, no financial support or preferential permitting is being sought from the County;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County supports the development of a private airport in the County.

Carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed an Area Transportation Partnership meeting he attended. He noted that District 8, the Yellow Medicine district, would be loosing approximately \$22 million in 2009, 2010, and 2011 for a Paynesville bypass in District 3. Engineer Andy Sander also added comments on how the funding loss would impact the County.

12-27-05-07 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal as supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Yellow Medicine County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

<i>Old Bridge Number</i>	<i>Road Number or Name</i>	<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>Township or State Bridge Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Local or State Aid Funds</i>	<i>Proposed Construction Year</i>
87501	CSAH 3	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$100,000	2006
87502	CSAH 3	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$100,000	2006
87570	CSAH 3 (Rehab)	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$150,000	2006
90300	County Road A5	\$300,000	\$275,000	\$0	\$25,000	2006
L7968	Minnesota Falls Twp T-115	\$450,000	\$440,000	\$0	\$10,000	2006
L7970	Sioux Agency Twp T-125	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2006
L8997	Sandnes Twp T-194	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2006
L9127	Canby – Custer Ave	\$220,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$40,000	2006
567	Norman Twp T-57	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2007
2965	CSAH 7	\$450,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$250,000	2007
L7931	Fortier/Norman Twp T-59	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	2007
L7935	Fortier Twp T-65	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2007
L7964	Wood Lake Twp T-107	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$5,000	2007

L7911	Burton Twp T-45	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L8999	Sandnes Twp T-93	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L9001	Sandnes Twp T-86	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L9079	Lisbon Twp T-70	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2008
L9926	Hammer Twp T-154	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L7972	Sioux Agency Twp T-127	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2009
L9004	Normania Twp T-75	\$130,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009
L9073	Stony Run Twp T-184	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009
L9399	Hammer Twp T-11	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009
3218	Sandnes Twp T-87	\$300,000	\$290,000	\$0	\$10,000	2010
L7905	Burton/Swede Prairie Twp T-39	\$200,000	\$190,000	\$0	\$10,000	2010
L7912	Burton Twp T-45	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$0	\$10,000	2010
L7933	Florida Twp T-62	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2010

FURTHERMORE, Yellow Medicine County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Yellow Medicine County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Carried.

Mr. Sander reviewed the seasonal bid advertisement.

12-27-05-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Transportation District 8 Southwest Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) has recommended that approximately \$22 million of District 8 funding for 2009, 2010, and 2011 be spent for a Highway 23 Paynesville bypass; and

Whereas, Yellow Medicine County believes District 8 ATP dollars should be spent in District 8;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County recommends that the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission oppose the use of District 8 funds outside of the district unless equal funding is provided by District 3 for the bypass project.

Carried.

12-27-05-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the 2005 and 2006 Ditch Budgets as presented. Carried.

Fiscal Officer Lois Bonde answered some questions on the ditch budget and timing of per diems.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Western Revolving Loan Fund and Prairie Waters.

Mr. Johnson noted that a culvert replacement, previously authorized, continues to be an issue. The Board agreed that new culverts, of equal diameter to the existing ones, be purchased and replacement completed in the spring.

Longevity pay for Pat Ohliger, who is retiring, was discussed. Mr. Anderson suggested that longevity pay be prorated for those leaving employment. It was noted that it never has been prorated and the County has no obligation to do so. As several employees have retired in 2005, without prorated longevity, no action was taken to allow such a payment.

As new members for the Extension Committee are still needed, the Board asked that ads be placed in County newspapers to recruit members.

A replacement for retiring Sheriff Richard Rollins was discussed. The Board decided to advertise in-house only for the position with resumes required and a January 10th deadline for application. Candidates will be interviewed at a special meeting.

12-27-05-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to set a special meeting for January 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to interview candidates for Sheriff. Carried.

12-27-05-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants, as presented, totaling \$69,821.74 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$160,824.90. Carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed The Connection in Canby. As the County no longer has a mentoring program, and The Connection is providing youth services, he felt that any monies remaining from that program should be donated to The Connection. It was not know if Pact 4 would be requiring the refunding of any dollars they provided. The balance of the mentoring program funds was unknown but thought to be in the \$8,000 to \$15,000 range.

12-27-05-12 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve an additional appropriation and expenditure of all remaining mentoring program funds for The Connection, provided Pact 4 will not be seeking a refund of any grant money. Carried.

The lack of insurance coverage for a squad car recently totaled was discussed. The denial of coverage from MCIT has been appealed but no response has been received. As three vehicles apparently were not reported for coverage, the Board asked that a policy be developed that would have all departments submitting documents to the Auditor-Treasurer for insurance coverage. Mr. Chattin will also call MCIT to determine where the County's appeal is in their process.

12-27-05-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer