

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
December 27, 2018**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 12-27-18-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following addition: add renewal of Prairie Five Rides lease agreement for 2019 to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 12-27-18-02** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 11, 2018 County Board meeting minutes; December 11, 2018 Truth in Taxation minutes; hiring of Laura Phinney as a full-time Correctional Officer/Dispatcher, her salary will be grade 12, step 1, her start date is January 9, 2019; internal hire of Angie Frerichs for the Case Aide position; replacement of the Eligibility Specialist position; Budget Change Request from Land and Resource Management; renewal of Prairie Five Rides lease agreement for 2019 (no changes from 2018). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

Tyler Kluver, Maintenance Department and Gretchen Pederson, Child Protection Social Worker were introduced to the board.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 12-27-18-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$71,671.11 Ditch Fund, \$97,785.99 Revenue Fund, \$97,197.80 Road & Bridge Fund, \$170,739.84 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 Antony reported on Pioneerland Library System, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority and SW Workforce Center. Commissioner Johnson reported on Area Transportation Partnership, meeting in Clarkfield regarding the intersection of Highway 67 and 59, Prairie Lakes and citizen concern. Commissioner Berends reported on Countryside Public Health, Southern Prairie Community Care and Prairie Waters. Commissioner Kack reported on SWCD, CEE-VI Task Force, Finance/Highway Committee, Western Mental Health Center and SW18 Adult Mental Health meeting.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, upcoming AMC conference and upcoming broadband task force meeting. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

**2019 Commissioner Per Diem 12-27-18-04** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to keep per diems paid to Commissioners for other meetings attended the same as 2018 (\$50/half day and \$100/full day). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager and Administrator Heglund reviewed the 2019 draft budget.

**Payable 2019 Tax Levy 12-11-18-05** Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve a 2% net levy increase for 2019. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

**Payable 2019 Tax Levy 12-11-18-06** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve a 1% net levy increase for 2019 for a total net tax levy of \$10,446,337.

Revenue Fund	\$5,751,919
Road & Bridge Fund	\$1,994,752
Human Services Fund	\$2,691,587
Library	\$85,903
Tax Abatement	\$13,079
Water Plan	\$6,153
Justice Center Bond	\$421,094
<b>Total Certified 2019 Gross Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$10,964,487</b>
Less: 2019 Certified County Program Aid	\$518,150
<b>Total Certified 2019 Net Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$10,446,337</b>

Motion carried with Commissioner Berends, Kack and Antony voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

The board recessed for break at 10:46 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

**2019 Budget 12-11-18-07** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the 2019 budget as follows:

Fund	Revenues	Expenses	Surplus/(Deficit)
General	8,087,837	8,162,124	(74,287)
Road & Bridge	10,428,152	10,528,152	(100,000)
Human Services	4,870,783	4,870,783	0
Bond Debt	421,444	401,375	20,069
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,808,216</b>	<b>23,962,434</b>	<b>(154,218)</b>

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #28-2018 12-27-18-08** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve resolution #28-2018 to assign fund balance from the General Fund for election expenses and riparian buffer expense in addition to assigning fund balance from the Highway Fund for county roads and equipment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #29-2018 12-27-18-09** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to commit fund balance from the General Fund for recycle expenses. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #30-2018 12-27-18-10** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #30-2018 to accept gifts and grants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Agreement with Finley Engineering 12-27-18-11** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agreement with Finley Engineering based on the rate schedule provided in the agreement and authorize payment for one meeting scheduled on January 4, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.