

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014**

Chair Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Louis Sherlin, and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, Finance Manager Michelle May and Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 12-09-14-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following addition: add approval of payment for C.P. 14-73 on County Road D9 in the amount of \$8,207.03 to R & G Construction Company to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 12-09-14-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: November 25, 2014 County Board meeting minutes; resignation of Amanda Pauling, Social Worker; replacement of Child Protection Social Worker; three year renewal for Symantec Protection in the amount of \$12,107.29; updates to Accounting Handbook and Capital Asset Guide. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Johnson reported on Extension, RDC, Hiring Committee, 6W Community Corrections, Area Transportation Partnership, AMC conference and calls from the public. Commissioner Berends reported on Southern Prairie, Food Shelf and AMC conference. Commissioner Renneke reported on Building Committee, call from the public and Hiring Committee. Commissioner Antony reported on Building Design Team, Railroad Authority, Canby DAC and AMC. Commissioner Sherlin reported on the Canby DAC.

Administrator Heglund reported on KDMA request for board agendas, presentation on PLC and ARC, EDA intern from University of Minnesota, housing assessment through UMVRDC and the December 23rd board meeting.

Department/Program Updates None

Regular Agenda

Phase IV discussion Joel Dunning and Emma Survis from Wold, and Earl Fuechtmann from Contegrity presented the schematic design.

Appointments to the Yellow Medicine River Watershed 12-09-14-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Jeff Hoffman to the Yellow Medicine River Watershed. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Appointments to the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank River Watershed 12-09-14-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Joseph Ferguson to the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Commissioner Antony abstained from voting.

Assureon Data Archiving System 12-09-14-05 Dennis Pederson, IT Coordinator, discussed the purchase of new Assureon Data Archiving System for County-wide backup. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded

by Commissioner Berends to approve the intent to purchase Assureon Data Archiving System for County-wide backup in the amount of \$46,359. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2015 Budget and Levy Hearing Chair Sherlin opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. to take comments on the 2015 proposed tax levy and budget. Those in attendance for the hearing were County Assessor Connie Erickson, Dennis Kruger and Amanda Hettver. All in attendance were given time to comment on the 2015 proposed levy and budget and also to comment on their 2015 property valuation.

After all comments were provided, Chair Sherlin closed the hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Payable 2015 Tax Levy 12-09-14-06 The Board reviewed the proposed payable 2015 tax levy. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve a 5.47% levy increase from 2014 to 2015. Commissioner Sherlin passed the gavel to Vice Chair Renneke. Motion failed with Commissioners Johnson and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioners Antony, Renneke and Berends voting against.

Payable 2015 Tax Levy 12-09-14-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a 6.43% levy increase from 2014 to 2015 with the property tax levy for taxes payable in 2015 set as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$5,064,585
Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,489,162
Human Services Fund	\$2,052,975
Library	\$78,598
Tax Abatement	\$23,037
Water Plan	\$6,153
Total Certified 2015 Gross Tax Levy	\$9,714,510
Less 2015 Certified County program Aid	\$167,773
Total Certified 2015 Net Tax Levy	\$9,546,737

Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Berends and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioners Sherlin and Johnson voting against.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 12-09-14-08 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$12,096.44 Ditch Fund, \$55,393.21 Revenue Fund, \$28,903.31 Road & Bridge Fund, \$77,434.87 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor’s warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Hiring of Donald Mock 12-09-14-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the hiring of Donald Mock as the Parks Director/Equipment Operator in the Highway Department. His salary will be grade 12a, step 4 at \$15.52 per hour. His start date will be December 15, 2014. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Final payment for C.P. 14-73 12-09-14-10 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the final payment on County Road D9 in the amount of \$8,207.03 to R & G Construction Company. 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 12-09-14-11 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Louis Sherlin, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator