

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Commissioner Remiger was absent. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 2-12-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Green Door Supper Club liquor license to the consent agenda; add Highway 59, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water bond refinance, and AMC transportation resolution to the regular agenda; add Water Task Force to the commissioner reports; remove AFSCME contracts from the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 2-12-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the January 22, 2008, County Board meeting; IT contract with Lincoln, Lyon, Murray Human Services; county logo policy; Resolution 05-2008 – accepting war memorial donations of \$7,420 in 2007; additional appropriation request totaling \$1,000 in expenditures in the Revenue Fund; on-sale liquor license, contingent on township board and commissioner of public safety approval, for Michael and Peter Bendel dba Joey’s Greendoor Steakhouse & Sport’s Bar; and a Sunday liquor license, contingent upon township voter approval, for Michael and Peter Bendel dba Joey’s Greendoor Steakhouse & Sport’s Bar. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments Attorney Kevin Stroup, members of the Verhelst Family from the Canby area and Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson were present to discuss issues with the Verhelst feedlot conditional use permit. The option of requesting the Planning Commission to consider amendments to the current conditional use permit was discussed.

Commissioner Reports

Water Plan Task Force Commissioner Johnson discussed the reduced funding from the state for the county water plan activities. The Board asked that recommendations be brought back to the Board on the activities the Water Plan Task Force would like continue and how much additional funding those activities would require.

Department Reports:

Restorative Justice 2-12-08-03 Restorative Justice Coordinator Julie Marthaler updated the Board on the Restorative Justice Department and discussed a possible grant opportunity. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to authorize submittal of a Minnesota Office of Justice Problem Solving Partnership Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Regular Agenda:

Countryside Public Health Countryside Public Health Director Liz Auch updated the Board on public health activities and discussed the nurse partnership program.

Appointment of Chief Deputy 2-12-08-04 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented a recommendation to the Board to appoint Deputy Wayne DeBlieck as the new Chief Deputy Sheriff. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Wayne DeBlieck as Chief Deputy Sheriff at step 8, grade 23 of the 2008 non-union pay scale with the appointment effective March 1, 2008. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Replace Squad Car 2-12-08-05 Sheriff Flaten requested to purchase a used squad car to replace a car that was totaled. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve an auditor's warrant for \$10,600 and a budget amendment of \$11,000 in expenditures for the Sheriff's Office to purchase a used squad car. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony and Wambeke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Purchase Mower Tractors 2-12-08-06 County Engineer Andy Sander presented three quotes for replacing two tractors that were in the 2007 budget. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the low bid from Tjosvold Equipment of \$33,104.00 plus tax per tractor and a budget amendment of \$70,511.52 in expenditures for the Highway Department to purchase two tractors. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Transportation Funding Resolution 2-12-08-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 06-2008 requesting the Minnesota Legislature to pass comprehensive road and transit funding legislation. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Highway 59 The Board discussed the submittal of an appropriations request for U.S. Highway 59 safety improvements.

Prairie Lake Youth Program Advisory Board 2-12-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Commissioners Antony and Wambeke to the Prairie Lakes Youth Program Advisory Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Bond Refunding 2-12-08-09 Myron Knutson with PFM Group presented bids for the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water bond refunding. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 07-2008 providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$5,845,000 of general obligation water revenue refunding bonds, series 2008, with the sale going to bidder Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Reports Continued

Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health, Prairie Waters and the Western MN Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Western Area City/County Coop, 6W Corrections, Prairie 5, SWCD, and the MN Board on Aging. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the County Museum Committee, granite outcrop meeting, county based purchasing and union negotiations. Commissioner Antony reported on document imaging presentations, Solid Waste Committee, Rural MN Energy Board, Pioneerland Library and Workforce Council.

Department Reports Continued

The County Attorney and County Administrator reports were given.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 2-12-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$76,462.97 Revenue Fund, \$29,299.61 Road and Bridge Fund and \$16,004.45 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Informational: None

Adjourn 2-12-08-11 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 12:44 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer