

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW  
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 with the following board members present: Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Louis Sherlin, and Dick Wambeke. Also present were County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, & news reporters Scott Tedrick, . The Chairperson called the meeting to order and on motion, the agenda for the day and the minutes for January 23, 2007, were approved.

**2-13-07-1** The following resolution was introduced:

Whereas, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board Commissioner Charles Simonson passed away on October 1, 2006;

Whereas Norris Peterson has agreed to replace Simonson on the LPRW Board of Commissioners;

Whereas, the LPRW Board passed a Resolution on January 29, 2007, recommending that Norris Peterson be appointed to the LPRW Board of Commissioners as replacement for Simonson;

Whereas the YMC Board of Commissioners believes that Norris Peterson is qualified to act as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board and is worthy of appointment:

Be it now resolved that the YMC Board hereby appoints Norris Peterson to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes 116A et seq. to a term ending on January 1, 2011.

Remiger moved to adopt the above, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**2-13-07-2** Johnson moved to appoint Ryan Krosch as the new Yellow Medicine County Administrator effective on March 12, 2007, at a salary of \$74,099.13, which is Grade 28, Step 8 on the 2007 salary schedule. Wambeke seconded motion, all voted in favor. The additional terms of employment are detailed in a letter to Mr. Krosh from Brimeyer Group dated February 8, 2007. The auditor was asked to send a letter of Congratulations and Welcome to him.

**2-13-07-3** The auditor-treasurer reviewed the 2006 Pay Equity Report which is required by the State Department of Employee Relations every four years. This report was due and sent on January 31, 2007. Remiger moved to approve the report as submitted, Wambeke seconded motion, all voted in favor.

Johnson discussed the Highway 59 south of Clarkfield situation and reviewed a letter received from Dave Trooien from MNDot regarding a proposed road improvement project. The letter explained that this portion of road does not have high enough traffic volume to warrant funding for a major improvement at this time. The Mndot representative indicated that he would be happy to meet with board members to further explain the situation. The auditor was asked to invite him to a future meeting and to invite the Lyon County Board members to attend at the same time.

**2-13-07-4** Randy Jacobson requested the re-appointment of Robert Weber and Jerry Wolff to the YMC Board of Adjustment and Gary Geihl, Tom Massman, and Tim Velde to the YMC Planning Committee. The terms for these persons expired on December 31, 2006. Remiger moved for re-appointment, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor. Some discussion on the Verhelst feedlot site took place. A neighbor has submitted a list of possible violations of the conditional use

agreement. Randy will draft a letter to the Verhelst Brothers reminding them again of the conditions in the conditional use agreements approved by the board last year.

**2-13-07-5** County Engineer Andy Sander presented the following resolution:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec 161.36, the Commissioner Of Transportation be appointed as the Agent of Yellow Medicine County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects;

Be it Further Resolved, that the Chairperson of the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners and the Yellow-Medicine Auditor-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed for and behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 90703" a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Sherlin moved for approval, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**2-13-07-6** The following quotes for electrical work in the Granite Falls shop were submitted:

Bills Electric: \$8250; R.C.Peterson Electric: \$14,387

Johnson moved to accept the quote from Bill's Electric for \$8250, Wambeke seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**2-13-07-7** Remiger moved to set a Bidletting date for Project CP 07-03 (Grading of CSAH 3) for Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm. Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

**2-13-07-8** Johnson moved to set a Bidletting date for Project SP 87-603-27 (aggregate & bituminous surfacing of CSAH 3) for Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm. Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

**2-13-07-9** Sherlin moved to set a Bidletting date for Project SAP 87-599-96, (replace Bridge No. 567 in Norman Township) for Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm. Johnson seconded, motion carried.

**2-13-07-10** Gretchen Eliason from Family Services requested permission to advertise for a support person in that office. Johnson moved for Approval, Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor. Candidates will be selected on the results of the Merit System Testing System.

**2-13-07-11** Deputy Sheriff Richard Blackwelder requested permission for hiring part-time transport personnel at an hourly wage of \$12.96. Sherlin moved for approval, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

**2-13-07-12** Blackwelder also requested approval of the 2007 Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement. This grant will provide \$3231 to the county to be used for expenses associated with search and rescue efforts. Johnson moved for approval, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

**2-13-07-13** The auditor-treasurer requested approval of the classification and appraisal of the following parcels, 34-300-3008, 34-034-2010, 32-300-1116, 32-009-2300 and 17-230-2020 in order to publish the notice of auction and to set the auction date for April 18th. Remiger moved for approval, Wambeke seconded, motion carried.

**2-13-07-14** Dave Smiglewski from the Advocate Tribune newspaper proposed that the county purchase a one page ad in the annual Progress Issue in order to publicize the names of the officials and county departments and to further explain various functions of the county. After discussion,

Remiger moved to spend up to \$600 for this purpose. Johnson seconded motion, all voted in favor. The Chairperson will approve the final copy before printing.

Jane Hennagir from MCIT presented the annual 2007 Member Report and answered questions concerning our property and liability insurance.

Commissioner reports were given by Sherlin on Area II, and Prairie Waters; Johnson on Community Corrections and SWCD; Remiger on the Rural Energy Board, Machinery Museum, and the Historical Society Museum Study Committee. Wambeke reported on the Yellow Medicine County Task Force, and Antony reported on the Pioneerland Library meeting.

**2-13-07-15** Claims in the following amounts were presented for payment: Revenue: \$120,909.06; R&B: \$42,136.35; & Ditch: \$5,451.89. Johnson moved to approve payment, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor. As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion, adjourned.

Witness:

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Ron Antony, Chairperson  
Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer