

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

February 14, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:00 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived shortly after the meeting started.

02-14-06-01 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of a St. Leo American Legion bingo license, transfer of approximately \$55,000 for tax settlements, Kathy Busack unavailability, and a discussion on overnight trip notification. Carried.

02-14-06-02 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda including: January 24, 2006 regular meeting minutes; contract renewal with LLMHS for technical support services; HOME Rental Rehabilitation Resolution; and calling a special meeting for 7:00 PM on February 21, 2006 in Clarkfield to review a draft comprehensive plan. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin started reports with updates on Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects and Entrepreneur's Assistance Network. Mr. Johnson covered meetings of Big Stone Transmission Project, Region 6W Community Corrections, MnDOT ATP, Yellow Medicine Task Force, Meth, Wood Lake Park, and the Employee Recognition Event. Ms. Remiger covered Prairie Country RC&D, Pact 4 Families Collaborative, and a Meth meeting.

Recorder Kay Zempel discussed a request to have an employee reclassified.

02-14-06-03 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to reclassify Heidi Bakkelund as a Deputy County Recorder, effective January 1, 2006. Carried.

Ms. Remiger continued her reports with comments on the AMC Legislative Steering Committee and the Minnesota Machinery Museum.

Deputy Bill Flaten presented a request to purchase a new patrol vehicle under the State bid.

02-14-06-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to purchase a 2006 Dodge Durango SXT for \$21,487 under the State bid. Carried.

02-14-06-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Sheriff's Department to set up a County E-Bay account. Carried.

Other departments wishing to access E-Bay can work through the Sheriff's Department.

02-14-06-06 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to authorize advertising for two part-time court security personnel. Carried.

It was also noted that Corrections Officer Ashley Staab has resigned. The Board authorized advertising for a replacement.

There was discussion on setting up a meeting with staff and an architect on jail, and other, building issues. A meeting set for February 28th will have to be rescheduled.

Deputy Bill Flaten will be sworn in as the new Sheriff at the February 28th meeting.

02-14-06-07 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Material Recovery/Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Joint Powers Board has reviewed information from Home Farms Technologies Inc., to build at WTE

gasification co-generation facility in Redwood Falls, Minnesota; and

Whereas, Home Farms Technologies Inc. has committed to finance and build the facility to handle Municipal Solid Waste; and

Whereas, this facility will enhance recycling currently being done in the State of Minnesota and produce renewable energy such as steam and electricity; and

Whereas, Home Farms Technologies Inc. will own and operate this facility; and

Whereas, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) supply for this facility has been identified by Home Farms Technologies with the primary supply from Southwest/South Central Minnesota with any shortfall being shipped from the metro area; and

Whereas, this Material Recovery/Waste-to-Energy Co-Generation facility will meet Minnesota Statute 116.07 as follows: The Pollution Control Agency shall improve air quality by promoting, in the most practicable way possible, the use of energy sources and waste disposal methods which produce or emit the least air contaminants consistent with the agency's overall goal of reducing all forms of pollution; and

Whereas, Yellow Medicine County is committed to work with the cities in their county, and the MSW haulers that service their county to encourage delivery of MSW to this facility.

Now, therefore be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County will work to identify the available MSW tons and encourage delivery of these MSW tons to the Home Farms Technologies Inc. facility in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Carried.

02-14-06-08 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to table a support letter on the Big Stone Transmission Line Project. Carried.

Ms. Remiger discussed RCRCRA activities.

02-14-06-09 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to appoint Mr. Johnson to the SWCD Board. Carried.

Mr. Antony covered events at Pioneerland Library.

About a dozen employees were present for discussion on the Springsted Pay Plan. There was much discussion on the number of steps desired and if longevity should be retained. In general, Springsted and Mr. Chattin were recommending elimination of longevity and employees favored retention of that benefit.

02-14-06-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to have 12 steps in the County's new pay plan. Carried, with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Johnson opposed.

The Board asked to have an hour set aside at the next meeting to discuss longevity issues.

02-14-06-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to table approval of the Personnel Policies pending decisions on longevity. Carried.

Representative Aaron Peterson was not available to address the Board.

02-14-06-12 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$251,232.97 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$169,890.43. Carried.

02-14-06-13 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve a gambling license for March 26, 2006 for the St. Leo American Legion Post #524 to conduct bingo at the Green Door Supper Club. Carried.

02-14-06-14 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to transfer approximately \$55,000 from excess revenue funds to cover tax settlements owed to the State. Carried.

Mr. Chattin was asked to again notify department heads of their responsibility to notify the Board when staying out-of-town on County business.

Two highway department hires were questioned. Engineer Andy Sander will be asked to respond at the next meeting.

Mr. Anderson reviewed some correspondence and future meetings.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 11:47 AM and reconvened at 1:00 PM in the Law Enforcement Center training room for a presentation of "A Guide to the Basics of Land Use Law in Minnesota" by Attorney Scott Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer