

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

February 28, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 12:06 PM with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Sharon Klumpp from Springsted, Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, Family Services Director Peggy Heglund, Assistant County Attorney Amanda Sieling, Zoning Official Jolene Johnson, Fiscal Officer Lois Bonde, and Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin were also present.

02-28-06-01 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of Canby student letters. Carried.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Springsted VP/Client Representative Sharon Klumpp reviewed the process that brought the County to this point in its development of a pay plan. The Board previously decided upon a 12-year step system and now needed to decide if longevity would be eliminated. There was considerable discussion with input from the Board, Mr. Chattin, and several employees attending. If longevity were eliminated, current longevity pay would be added to an employee's base pay to ensure no loss of pay in 2006.

02-28-06-02 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the Proposed 2006 Pay Plan Implementation based on 2005 base pay plus longevity. Carried, with Mr. Johnson opposed as he preferred tabling the issue for two weeks.

02-28-06-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to implement the non-union pay plan effective March 1, 2006. Carried.

02-28-06-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to open the public hearing on the Election Equipment Plan at 1:01 PM. Carried.

Ms. Sherlin reviewed comments from the Secretary of State's office that needed to be incorporated into the County's plan.

02-28-06-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the County Election Equipment Plan as amended. Carried.

Mr. Anderson closed the hearing at 1:07 PM.

02-28-06-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to open the public hearing on the County's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program application at 1:08 PM. Carried.

Parks Supervisor Myron Hagelstrom reviewed the grant and plans for Timm Park. The County needs to adopt resolutions to enable the grant application. Upwards of \$200,000 of County money could be required as grant match money, if approved.

02-28-06-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that Yellow Medicine County act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Application to be submitted on the ____ day of March 2006 and that Myron Hagelstrom, Parks Supervisor, is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of Yellow Medicine County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yellow Medicine County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and financial capability to meet the match requirement and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yellow Medicine County has not incurred any development costs described in Item 5 and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire property described in Item 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Yellow Medicine County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, that Yellow Medicine County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for outdoor recreation uses into perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Myron Hagelstrom, Parks Supervisor, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

and

Be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County act as sponsoring agency for a DNR Outdoor Recreation project identified as Timm Park and acknowledges herewith that it is willing to be the project sponsor; knowing full well that such sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project (up to 50%) and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Be it further resolved that Myron Hagelstrom, Parks Supervisor, is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

and

WHEREAS, the DNR requires that counties agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with "Outdoor Recreation" funds for the useful life of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County is the project sponsor for the project identified as Timm Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yellow Medicine County hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned project.

Carried.

Mr. Anderson closed the hearing at 1:16 PM.

Representative Lyle Koenen visited with the Board on eminent domain and appointment of elected department head issues. Ms. Heglund also shared her concerns with the Governor's new health care proposals. Senator Gary Kubly and Representative Aaron Peterson arrived at 1:27 PM and joined the conversation. Mr. Johnson shared his concerns that, under the proposed ATP plan, Prairie Five would never again receive funding for bus replacement. He was also concerned that the nutrition program was in jeopardy if all 27 counties fell under one bid process for meals.

Deputy Bill Flaten and several coworkers, family, and friends were present for his swearing in as County Sheriff. Judge Bruce Christopherson administered the oath of office to Deputy Flaten wherein he became the new Yellow Medicine County Sheriff.

Conversation continued with Senator Kubly and Representatives Koenen and Peterson. Mr. Johnson thanked them for the state match for the Reach Out for Warmth program. Mr. Antony discussed the crisis in Pioneerland Library funding. Senator Kubly noted that the bonding bill and eminent domain would be priorities for this session. Representative Peterson added comments on Veterans' Affairs, stadiums, and wind energy.

VSO/Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz and Head Custodian Curt Johnson presented a concept for construction of a Veterans' memorial in front of the courthouse. They were seeking the Board's blessing to continue developing the project that would likely cost the County several thousand dollars. They were asked to obtain additional information for consideration.

Terry Renken, Yellow Medicine Watershed District Administrator, and three of his board members reviewed their 2005 annual report.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, reviewed the County's application for a conditional use permit (CUP) for the proposed Timm Park improvements and expansion.

02-28-06-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the CUP for Timm Park with the following conditions:

1. The shelter by the volleyball court shall measure no greater than 250 square feet.
2. Runoff from the parking area and campground shall be directed away from Wood Lake.
3. Vegetation along the shoreline of Wood Lake shall not be disturbed due to construction of the campground.

Carried.

Attorney Tom Kramer, Mr. Hagelstrom, and Mr. Flaten discussed a proposed park ordinance with the Board.

02-28-06-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to place a notice of intent to adopt the park ordinance on March 28, 2006 in the newspapers. Carried.

02-28-06-10 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to pay mileage and per diems to Park Board members. Carried.

02-28-06-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the new Personnel Policies as presented except for the deletion of the section on longevity. Carried.

Mr. Kramer noted that the County would be converting to a bad check diversion program. He also noted that an Assignment and Novation regarding the Granite Falls Fire Department fire masks needed to be signed.

02-28-06-12 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve signing of the Assignment and Novation. Carried.

02-28-06-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of the February 14, 2006 regular meeting minutes, two additional appropriation requests, setting the Board of Equalization for June 13, 2006 at 1:00 PM, and approval of liquor licenses as presented. Carried.

02-28-06-14 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$161,924.19 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants as presented totaling \$440,113.00. Carried.

Mr. Anderson presented documents provided by retiring Sheriff Rich Rollins wherein he calculated that he had been underpaid by a total of \$6,333.97 for 2003, 2004, and 2005. A motion passed January 28, 2003 had the Chief Deputy making 5% less than the Sheriff. That had not happened, resulting in the underpayment.

02-28-06-15 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to pay \$6,333.97 to Mr. Rollins to cover the shortfalls. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on the Western Revolving Loan Fund and Prairie Waters. Mr. Johnson gave updates on a Minnesota Trails Initiative meeting, SWCD, Prairie Five, and the UMRDC. Ms. Remiger attended an ICS meeting. Mr. Anderson covered a

Comprehensive Plan meeting, Drug Task Force, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, and pandemic flu meetings at the Upper Sioux and in the courthouse. He also reviewed some correspondence.

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:17 PM.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer