

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2023**

Chairman Glen Kack called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Greg Renneke and John Berends also present. Also present was County Administrator Angie Steinbach.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 02-28-23-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 02-28-23-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: February 14, 2023 County Board meeting minutes; approval of liquor licenses; permanent status for employee; resignation of Melissa Helgeson, Social Service Supervisor; replace Social Service Supervisor; hiring of Jennifer Knutson as a Social Service Supervisor, her salary will be grade 16, step 1, her start date is March 1, 2023; hiring of Matt Vahlsing as a full-time Assistant Custodian, his salary will be grade 4, step 3, his start date is March 13, 2023. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** Richard Hemish was in attendance to discuss CD 8.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 02-28-23-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$8,272.50 Ditch Fund, \$71,488.84 Revenue Fund, \$31,061.64 Road & Bridge Fund, \$197,719.02 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Antony reported on AMC Legislative Conference, meeting with Senator Dahms and Representative Swedzinski, 6W Community Corrections, Counties Providing Technology, Canby DAC and public health safety meeting. Commissioner Kling reported on Library board meeting, U of M Extension, Clarkfield City Council meeting and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack reported on Canby DAC, Fair Board meeting and Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Berends reported on union negotiations, AMC Legislative Conference and meeting with Senator Dahms and Representative Swedzinski.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, gave an update.

**Adoption of the County Personnel Act 02-28-23-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #09-2023 which adopts the County Personnel Act. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board came to a consensus to move forward with the Countryside Public Health Opioid Settlement Proposal in collaboration with Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine Counties.

Amanda Stengel and Sam Isfeld, Child Support Unit, gave a presentation.

Ashlie Wubben, Countryside Public Health, discussed the Yellow Medicine County Tobacco Ordinance.

**Letter of Support 02-28-23-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Community Leader Letter of Support for Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**U of M Extension Addendum to Agreement 02-28-23-06** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the addendum to the Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Yellow Medicine County for providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension staff. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**HRA Appointment 02-28-23-07** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to appoint Sam Isfeld to the Yellow Medicine County HRA Board of Commissioners for a five-year term beginning March 1, 2023 and ending February 29, 2028. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Kack closed the meeting at 11:47 a.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance Manager Dana Homan and County Attorney Mark Gruenes.

**Open Meeting 02-28-23-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to open the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Calcium Chloride Dust Control Rate 02-28-23-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to set the rate at \$1.00/linear foot for dust control (increase from 2022). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Seasonal Bids 02-28-23-10** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the list of seasonal bids as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Portable Radios 02-28-23-11** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by commissioner Kling to approve the quote from West Central Communications (MN State Contract pricing) in the amount of \$13,142.56 for replacement of portable radios in the Highway Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Highway Building Project 02-28-23-12** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Phase 1 of the Highway Building Project. Motion carried with Commissioner Renneke, Antony, Kack and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Kling voting against.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None


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

**Adjourn 02-28-23-13** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Glen Kack, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator