

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 01-23-24-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the agenda with the following change: remove hiring of a Social Worker from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-23-24-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: January 2, 2024 County Board meeting minutes; County Fairgrounds Property Management Quarterly Update and Payment Request in the amount of \$1,312.50 for Doug Waltz; Contracts for Stockpile Lease Agreements with Edna Nothem and Arlyss A. Jacobson Johnson; Hiring of Tina Keller as a PPSD Deputy, her salary is grade 8, step 4, her start date is February 20, 2024; resignation of Shyanne Soderstrom, Social Worker; replace Social Worker position; consideration of permanent status for employee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Tony Gielczyk, Financial Unit Case Aide, was introduced to the board.

Brianna Chatterton, Social Work Intern, was introduced to the board.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-23-24-03 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$287,982.54 Ditch Fund, \$404,601.54 Revenue Fund, \$63,282.89 Road & Bridge Fund, \$102,678.27 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 6W Community Corrections, Counties Providing Technology, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Emergency Communication Board meetings, LQP One Watershed One Plan, Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan, Chemical Health Coalition and Restorative Justice Learning Session. Commissioner Kling reported on 6W Community Corrections, Pioneerland Library System and Department Head meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on Personnel Committee. Commissioner Kack reported on CEE-VI Drug Task Force, Area II/RCRCA and Prairie Five. Commissioner Berends reported on Personnel Committee, Primewest, Opioid committee discussion, Countryside Public Health, Prairie Lakes and Yellowstone Trail.

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

Anne Kilzer, Minnesota Rural Counties, presented to the board.

Dan Desmet and Ann Jenson, Southwest EMS Board, gave an update.

Highway Building Project 01-23-24-04 Jake Wollensak and John McNamara, Wold Architects and Engineers, presented bids for the Highway Office Building Project. Eight bids were received. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low bid along with the two alternate bids from KUE Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,525,267. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Berends and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Kling voting against.

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

Opioid Funding Resolution #4-2024 01-23-24-05 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #4-2024 between Countryside Public Health and Yellow Medicine County regarding Opioid Funding for the 5-county Health Educator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:42 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

Bill Flaten, Sheriff's Office, gave an update.

Sheriff's Dept. Donation 01-23-24-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #3-2024 which approves the donation to the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$2,500 from Ron & Diane Fagen Family Foundation. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Mark Gruenes, County Attorney and Linda Hagen, Victim Services Specialist, gave an update.

Prosecution Contracts 01-23-24-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the Prosecution Contracts with the City of Clarkfield and the City of Echo for 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #5-2024 01-23-24-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #5-2024 which reapproves the off-site gambling permit for Canby Fire Relief Organization. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #6-2024 01-23-24-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #6-2024 which reapproves the off-site gambling permit for Canby Sportsmen's Club, Inc. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Land Survey System Resolution #7-2024 01-23-24-10 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #7-2024 which authorizes the Property & Public Services Department to submit a grant application, the Property & Public Services Director to act as fiscal agent and Joshua Sterm with Bonnema Runke Stem, Inc. to serve as the County Survey Representative for the grant program. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

VSO Appointment 01-23-24-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #8-2024 which reappoints Kristofor Holien to the position of YMC Veterans Service Officer for a four-year term beginning February 12, 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Engineering Contract 01-23-24-12 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Contract for Engineering Services with Chippewa County for Highway Engineer services for 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #9-2024 01-23-24-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #9-2024 which opposes the redesign of the state flag and seal. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, gave an update.


Other Business None

Informational Vendor Payment Reports for July-December 2023

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

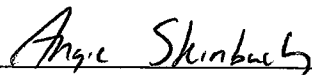
Adjourn 01-23-24-14 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator