

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

January 24, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present.

01-24-06-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the agenda with the addition of: hiring of part-time Corrections Officer; meeting on possible building addition; return of Pact 4 mentoring money; and Big Stone transmission line capacity needs. Carried.

01-24-06-02 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda including January 3, 2006 regular meeting minutes, January 17, 2006 special meeting minutes, and one additional appropriation request. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on a solid waste meeting in Redwood County. Mr. Johnson gave updates on Prairie Five, a fatal review committee, UMVRDC, Prairie Waters, Granite Falls Historical Society, and a meeting with SpecSys, Inc. Ms. Remiger covered meetings of Prairie Country RC&D, Pact 4, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, and Yellow Medicine Historical Society.

Randy Nelson, Prairie Country RC&D Coordinator, reviewed projects and activities for 2005.

Mr. Antony discussed supporting upgrades to the proposed Big Stone transmission line that would be capable of transmitting power from wind generators. A letter of support will be drafted for consideration at the February meeting.

Susan Brickweg, Enterprise Facilitator, and board members Nancy Bormann and Alan Watkins, reviewed the first annual report of the Entrepreneur's Assistance Network covering July 2004 through December 2005. County funding for their entity was terminated in 2006, as they had not reported to the Board on their activities. It was suggested that they come back in the fall to request funding for 2007.

Engineer Andy Sander and General Foreman Larry Stoks addressed the Board with highway department issues. The Board asked to be informed of major incidents, such as the damages to the Canby shop, in the future. Two recommended candidates for jobs openings were presented.

01-24-06-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to hire Brad Monson as an Equipment Operator and Scott Parsons as a Heavy Equipment Operator, per the hire letters presented. Carried.

01-24-06-04 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the 2006 Seasonal Bids as presented. Carried.

Sheriff Rich Rollins and Deputy Bill Flaten had several items to present.

01-24-06-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to authorize advertising for a new Deputy Sheriff. Carried.

01-24-06-06 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to replace a radio control station, per a quote from West Central Communications for \$7,553.88, and approve an additional appropriation request to cover that amount from designated 9-1-1 funds. Carried.

01-24-06-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the hiring of Ryan Cherveney as a part-time Corrections Officer, per the hire letter presented. Carried.

There was discussion on possibly meeting with an architect to discuss several

potential building needs, i.e. jail expansion, County Attorney offices, court security, etc. The Board asked that representatives from the courts, sheriff, and jail administration along with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Antony, and Mr. Chattin meet with an architect to brainstorm needs.

The Board discussed a requested leave of absence from Deputy Bill Flaten who will take over as Sheriff on March 1st. An opinion from the County Attorney suggested that Mr. Flaten may not qualify for a leave under the statute presented. However, the Board has discretion to grant leaves as they wish.

01-24-06-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to grant Mr. Flaten an unpaid leave of absence from his Deputy position from March 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Carried.

Compensation for Mr. Flaten, for when he becomes the Sheriff, was discussed.

01-24-06-09 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to continue the current Sheriff's salary of \$64,728 for Mr. Flaten, when he takes office. Carried.

01-24-06-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to deny a request for support from Minnesota Trails Initiative. Carried.

Funds remaining from a Pact 4 grant for a mentoring program were discussed. The Board had moved to give the funds to The Connection in Canby but have since been asked by Pact 4 to return the money.

01-24-06-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to table the use of remaining Mentoring funds until Ms. Remiger has discussed the issue with the Pact 4 board. Carried.

01-24-06-12 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$282,286.81 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$197,974.05. Carried.

Mr. Antony reported on Pioneerland Library. Mr. Anderson discussed the CEE VI Drug Task Force and a solid waste meeting.

01-24-06-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer