

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 24, 2017**

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Glen Kack, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Alex Sina and West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 01-24-17-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following change: table renewal of Iowa Broadcasting Inc. lease for radio tower to a future board meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 01-24-17-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: January 3, 2017 County Board meeting minutes; approve resignation of Bonnie Westfield, Terminal Agency Coordinator; approve replacement of Terminal Agency Coordinator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** Daryl Kuehn, Ramona Kuehn, Andrew Rigge, Bruce Rigge, Tim Schlenner and Dean Preuss were in attendance regarding discussion on buffer strips. Chris Balfany, YMC Planning & Zoning Administrator and Tyler Knutson, SWCD were also in attendance.

**Regular Agenda**

Dawn Hegland and Laura Ostlie, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, discussed a Broadband Feasibility Study. The Board was in consensus to move forward in requesting a cost estimate for a feasibility study from Finley Engineering of Slayton, MN to assess the possibility of Broadband expansion in Yellow Medicine County.

The board recessed for break at 10:27 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

**Solid Waste Agreement 01-24-17-03** Roger Schroeder, Lyon County, presented the Solid Waste Agreement. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Solid Waste Agreement with Lyon County for 2017. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Tax Forfeited Parcels Resolution #2-2017 01-24-17-04** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve resolution #2-2017, including the attached list of the parcels, to certify that certain tax forfeited parcels offered for sale by auction do not need to be withheld from sale. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #3-2017 to Support Use of the Appleton Prison 01-24-17-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #3-2017 to Support Use of the Appleton Prison. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board completed the MN Rural Counties Caucus Survey.

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Antony reported on Chemical Health Coalition, Clarkfield school tour, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Pioneerland Public Library, union negotiations and broadband meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on Personnel Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on Clarkfield school task force, Personnel Committee, 6W Community Corrections, Prairie Lakes, Prairie Five transit meeting, union negotiations, Clarkfield zoning meeting, Prairie Five and citizen complaints. Commissioner Berends reported on Clarkfield zoning meeting and legislative town hall meeting. Commissioner Kack reported on Area II/RCRCA, Western Minnesota Revolving Loan Fund, Family Service Center meeting and Western Mental Health Center.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, telephone directory for County departments and broadband meetings. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

**Resolution #4-2017 01-24-17-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #4-2017 for Adoption and Implementation of the Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Amendment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #5-2017 01-24-17-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #5-2017 to Adopt and Implement the Yellow Medicine Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Planning Commission Appointments 01-24-17-08** The Board appointed eight Planning Commission members as follows:

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to appoint Tom Massman to a two-year term with the term ending December 31, 2018, Mike Hinz to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019, Tim Velde to a two-year term with the term ending December 31, 2018, Dorian Gatchell to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019, Gary Geihl to a two-year term with the term ending December 31, 2018, Gordon Ferguson to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019, Charles Hoffman to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019 and Gary Goplen to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Board of Adjustment Appointments 01-24-17-09** The Board appointed three Board of Adjustment members as follows:

Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Jane Remiger to a two-year term with the term ending December 31, 2018, Jerry Wolff to a two-year term with the term ending December 31, 2018 and Tom Massman to a three-year term with the term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:13 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Department/Program Updates**

Liz Auch, Countryside Public Health, gave an update.

Bill Flaten, Sheriff and Kathy Busack, Jail Administrator, gave an update.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center Director, gave an update.

**Vehicle Purchase 01-24-17-10** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevy Equinox in the amount of \$20,686 from the State Bid. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Family Service Center 2013 Chevy Impala will be given to the Restorative Justice Department.

**On-Call Policy 01-24-17-11** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the On-Call Policy for Social Services in the Family Service Center. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Supervisor On-Call Stipend 01-24-17-12** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a \$2,000 annual stipend to the on-call Children's Social Service Supervisor. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** December Jail Report and December Vendor Payments

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-24-17-13** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$18,544.86 Ditch Fund, \$500,816.47 Revenue Fund, \$116,342.29 Road & Bridge Fund, \$143,694.56 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.

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

**Adjourn 01-24-17-14** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Gary Johnson, Chair

  
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Peggy Heglund, County Administrator