

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

January 25, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

01-25-05-01 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a Prairie Five rental agreement to the consent agenda. Carried.

01-25-05-02 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to remove the MAXIMUS contract from the consent agenda. Carried.

01-25-05-03 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the January 4, 2005 regular meeting minutes, January 20, 2005 special meeting minutes, and the Prairie Five rental agreement. Carried.

Mr. Chattin explained the MAXIMUS cost allocation contract. Federal costs incurred by courthouse administration, in support of welfare functions, need to be allocated in order to obtain federal reimbursement. Although it could be done internally, it has been more cost effective to contract for those services.

01-25-05-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the MAXIMUS cost allocation contract. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin updated the Board on the Canby DAC and Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects. Mr. Johnson noted that the Canby Pioneerland Library representative had resigned. He also reported on Region 6W Community Corrections, Prairie Five CAC, the Water Task Force, and UMVRDC.

Randy Nelson, Prairie Country RC&D Coordinator, reviewed 2004 projects and activities. He presented Lynn Anderson with a certificate for his six years of service to the RC&D.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the County was required to have a Board of Adjustment. It could be merged into the Planning Commission but he did not recommend making that change. He did recommend expanding the Board of Adjustment from four to five members.

01-25-05-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to expand the Board of Adjustment to five members and to appoint Richard Larson as the Planning Commission representative to that Board. Carried.

01-25-05-06 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to appoint Jerry Wolff and Bob Weber to the Board of Adjustment. Carried.

01-25-05-07 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to appoint Chuck Hoffman to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission. The motion carried with Mr. Sherlin opposed, as he wanted representation on the Commission from his district.

The Board also asked that a proposed adult entertainment ordinance be considered by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

John Kolhei, Ditch Inspector, reviewed bids for a new pickup.

01-25-05-08 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the purchase, under the state bid, of a 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 from Burnsville Dodge for \$18,197 plus applicable taxes, license, and fees. Carried.

Mr. Kolhei's old pickup will be sold by sealed bid. There was also discussion on painting of the Clarkfield offices and erosion on a creek that a ditch empties into.

01-25-05-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following ordinance:

WHEREAS, the Upper Sioux Community and its economic enterprise Prairie's Edge Casino Resort has had a positive and significant impact on the creation of jobs in Yellow Medicine County; and

WHEREAS, Prairie's Edge Casino Resort would be negatively impacted if a state sanctioned casino were constructed in the metro area including the loss of jobs for individuals living in Yellow Medicine County; and

WHEREAS, any business disruption or economic set-backs experienced by Prairie's Edge Casino Resort due to actions of the Legislature or the Governor would also cause additional economic hardship to businesses located in Yellow Medicine County; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Sioux Community has given thousands of dollars in charitable donations since 1991 to important community causes and organizations in Yellow Medicine County and throughout the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Upper Sioux Community in their fight to preserve local jobs and economic development and strongly opposes the construction or authorization of a state sanctioned casino in the metro area.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners send a copy of this resolution to area legislators and the Governor and urge them to oppose any state sanctioned casinos in the metro area because it would mean a loss of jobs in Yellow Medicine County. Such job losses would have a negative impact on our local economy and stifle our current regional growth and development.

Carried.

Engineer John Johnson and General Foreman Larry Stoks distributed the 2004 fourth quarter Engineering Report.

01-25-05-10 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Enhancement" project identified as the Memorial Park Trail – Phase II and acknowledges 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 and responsibility for seeing the project through to its completion, in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

Carried, with Mr. Johnson voting against the resolution.

01-25-05-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Yellow Medicine has, after consulting the concerned Township Boards, determined that replacement construction is to be programmed for the following bridges:

On County State Aid Highways

CSAH 3	87501
CSAH 3	87502
CSAH 3	87570

On Township Roads

Burton	L-7911
Burton	L-7912
Burton/Swede Prairie	L-7905

CSAH 4	5121	Fortier/Norman	L-7931
CSAH 4	90254	Fortier	L-7935
CSAH 4	90256	Fortier	L-7986
CSAH 7	2965	Hammer	L-9926
CSAH 17	7101	Hammer	L-9399
CSAH 33	90285	Norman	567
CSAH 33	90286	Normania	L-9004
		Posen/Wood Lake	L-7975
<u>On County Highways</u>		Sandnes	3218
CR A-5	90300	Sandnes	L-8999
CR D-3	90311	Sandnes	L-9001
		Sioux Agency	L-7970
<u>On City Streets</u>		Sioux Agency	L-7972
City of Canby	L-9127	Stony Run	L-9073
		Wood Lake	L-7964

Carried.

01-25-05-12 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the County of Yellow Medicine to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 87615", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Carried.

01-25-05-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the seasonal bids as presented and recommended. Carried.

Bids for an addition to the Canby shop were opened and tabulated.

01-25-05-14 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bids for the Canby shop addition as follows: Building Contractor to Anseuw Construction for \$82,500; Electrical Contractor to Vlaminck Electric for \$7,338; and Heating Contractor to CAS Plumbing and Heating for \$5,115. Carried.

Sheriff Richard Rollins updated the Board on his department's activities. There have been several drug arrests recently with the help of the Drug Task Force. He also received \$34,600 in communications equipment through an equipment grant. Sheriff Rollins also commented on the request for DARE funds. The Deputy involved is donating his time for teaching and is requesting funds for supplies.

01-25-05-15 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve an additional appropriation request for \$2,000 for DARE supplies. Carried.

Bob Burns, Regional Extension Director, and Theresa Witte, Regional 4H Coordinator, updated the Board and discussed their regional reorganization. They believed that 4H programs were building strength in the County.

Myron Knutson, with Public Financial Management, reviewed an opportunity to do a refunding of the County's 1999 bonds. The estimated net savings would amount to

approximately \$136,000. The exact savings would be calculated on the sale date of the new bond issue.

01-25-05-16 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to have Public Financial Management proceed with the refinancing of the County's jail bonds with an anticipated sale date of February 22, 2005. Carried.

01-25-05-17 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve application for the State Credit Enhancement Program for the new bond issue to secure an AA2 bond rating. Carried.

01-25-05-18 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, coyotes are becoming an increasing threat to humans, domestic pets, and livestock in many rural areas of the state; and

Whereas, State Statute currently does not allow a County to offer a bounty for coyotes; and

Whereas, because of the portability of coyotes and/or their pelts, a bounty offered by a County is subject to abuse by residents of Counties where no bounty is available; and

Whereas, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) exists to advocate for County interests;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Yellow Medicine County believes that a coyote bounty is needed for the safety and welfare of its residents; and

Be it further resolved that any bounty on coyotes should be a statewide bounty; and

Be it finally resolved that Yellow Medicine County encourages AMC to advocate for the establishment of a statewide coyote bounty during the 2005-2006 legislative session.

Carried with Mr. Antony voting against the resolution, as he favored County authority to establish bounties.

Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin presented a request to increase the delinquent tax publication charge.

01-25-05-19 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to increase the delinquent tax publication charge from \$10 to \$20 per parcel. Carried.

01-25-05-20 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve a gambling permit for the Upper Minnesota River Valley Chapter of NWTF. Carried.

Ms. Sherlin reviewed the December 2004 investment report.

01-25-05-21 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to renew an agreement with REFCO/Multi-Bank Securities for purchasing investment products. Carried.

Ms. Remiger reported on the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, an Aggregate Mining Conference, and Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA). Mr. Antony attended meetings of the Yellow Medicine Watershed and Pioneerland Library, where Gary Johnson was recognized for his service. Mr. Anderson reported on the Drug Task Force, Countryside Public Health, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, and Southwest Regional Solid Waste.

01-25-05-22 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve Commissioner's Warrants, as presented, totaling \$148,991.15 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$243,121.38. Carried.

Mr. Chattin asked about Board attendance at the AMC Capitol Days. The Board

thought that two or three representatives would attend on March 2nd.
Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer