

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE YELLOW
MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA
January 2, 2007**

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 with the following board members present: Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Louis Sherlin, and Dick Wambeke. Also present were County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Family Service Director Peggy Heglund, & news reporters Scott Tedrick from the Advocate Tribune. Vice-Chairperson Antony called the meeting to order. On motion by Sherlin, seconded by Remiger, the agenda for the day and the minutes for December 26, 2006, were approved.

This meeting was preceded with a formal swearing-in ceremony for all newly elected officers of the county with Judge Bruce Christopherson conducting the ceremony. Dick Wambeke was recognized as the new commissioner.

1/02/07-1 Nominations were called for the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Remiger nominated Ron Antony to serve as Chairperson. Sherlin moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast, Remiger seconded, motion carried.

1/2/07-2 Remiger nominated Gary Johnson to serve as Vice Chairperson. Wambeke moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

1/2/07-3 Committee assignments for 2007 were reviewed and appointments made. Remiger moved to approve the committee assignments as listed, Johnson seconded, motion carried. The complete list is available at the office of the county auditor.

1/2/07-4 Remiger moved to set the 2007 Gopher bounty at \$1, Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

1/2/07-5 Sherlin moved to authorize the county auditor to issue warrants for incidental expenses for Revenue, Road & Bridge, and Ditch. Wambeke seconded motion, all voted in favor. These expenses include utilities, telephone, taxes, postage, licenses and fees.

1/2/07-6 Sherlin moved to set the mileage rate for 2007 at 48.5 cents as per the recommendation from IRS. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

1/2/07-7 Remiger moved to set the Daily Meal allowance for 2007 at \$33, Wambeke seconded motion, all voted in favor.

1/2/07-8 Sherlin moved to adopt the following resolution:
"Whereas, the County normally collects tax-forfeit fees from the sale of tax-forfeit parcels within the county, and
Whereas, State Statute 282.08, Subd. 5 allows for the retention of 20% of those fees for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas;
Now therefore be it resolved that 20% of the tax-forfeit fees remaining after the apportionments required under M.S. 282.05 be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas."
Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

1/2/07-9 Remiger moved to schedule the 2007 board meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, with the first Tuesday meeting to begin at 9:00 am. The schedule for the fourth Tuesday will have the Family Services meeting to begin at 9:00 am with the regular county board meeting beginning at 12:30 pm. Johnson seconded, motion carried.

1/2/07-10 Remiger moved to designate the Advocate Tribune as the official newspaper for 2007, Sherlin seconded motion, all voted in favor.

1/2/07-11 Discussion was held on the disposition of the Thoma House. Remiger moved to advertise it for sale with bids due on February 23. Sherlin seconded, motion carried.

Wambeke and Remiger discussed a tax-forfeited property located in Echo. The property will be sold at the next tax forfeit sale.

Wambeke volunteered to attend the Granite Falls City Council meeting scheduled for the evening.

Commissioner reports were given by Johnson on Prairie Five and on the ICS meeting by Antony.

1/2/07-12 Johnson again discussed the condition of a portion of State Highway 59 from Clarkfield to Marshall and stated that the highway engineer had drafted a letter to send on its behalf, to encourage MNDot to consider repair this road in the near future. RDC will be collecting all letters and will forward them to MNDot. Residents will be encouraged to send letters also. Sherlin moved that the county board sign the letter and forward it to RDC with copies to board members. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

1/2/07-13 The county engineer made a request to purchase an extended cab pickup for the sign truck purchase instead of the regular cab that was approved at the last meeting. After discussion, Sherlin moved to allow the county engineer to determine which vehicle would be better and to order the one that feels is right. Remiger seconded motion, all voted in favor.

The auditor was instructed to order a new fax machine for new commissioner Dick Wambeke.

1/2/07-14 Sheriff Flaten received permission to purchase a new Crown Victoria squad car from Elk River Ford for \$20,054. Sherlin moved, Wambeke seconded and all voted in favor. Discussion included the comparison of several cars on the state bid, including the Chevy Impala, Dodge Charger & Crown Victoria.

1/2/07-15 Sherlin moved to approve payment of claims for the Revenue Fund in the amount of \$14,498.93. Remiger seconded, motion carried.

As all business for the day was completed, the meeting was on motion, adjourned.

Witness:

Ron Antony, Chairperson

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer