

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024**

Chairman Glen Kack called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Greg Renneke 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 01-02-24-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Chair 01-02-24-02 Chair Kack called for nominations for the 2024 County Board Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Renneke. Chair Kack called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close nominations for Commissioner Renneke for 2024 County Board Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Vice-Chair 01-02-24-03 Chair Renneke called for nominations for 2024 County Vice-Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Berends. Chair Renneke called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to close nominations for Commissioner Berends for 2024 County Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-02-24-04 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 26, 2023 County Board meeting minutes; consideration of probation of employee; approve Brianna Chatterton as the Family Services Unpaid Intern, her start date is January 8, 2024; hiring of Tony Gielczyk as a Case Aide (Financial Unit), his salary is grade 8, step 3, his start date is January 16, 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-02-24-05 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$1,047.20 Ditch Fund, \$46,759.44 Revenue Fund, \$0 Road & Bridge Fund, \$41,051.13 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 Emergency Communication Board. Commissioner Kling had no reports. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack had no reports. Commissioner Berends reported on a phone call from the DNR.

Authorized Meeting 01-02-24-06 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to authorize Commissioner Kling to attend the Minnesota Rural Counties meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

2024 Organizational Business

Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 01-02-24-07 The Board reviewed the list of committees, task force and board assignments. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the list of committees, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2024 as amended. Motion carried with all voting in favor. A complete list of appointments is on file with the Finance & Administration Department and on the county website.

Meeting Dates and Times 01-02-24-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to set regular County Board meetings for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Yellow Medicine County Board Room. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gopher Bounty 01-02-24-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to keep the gopher bounty the same for 2024 with a 50/50 match with townships up to \$2 per gopher. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Beaver Bounty 01-02-24-10 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve a \$100 beaver bounty with prior authorization from the County Ditch Inspector for beavers trapped within the ditch system (paid through the ditch fund). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Mileage Rate 01-02-24-11 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to follow the IRS rate which is 67 cents per mile for 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Official Newspaper 01-02-24-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to designate the Canby News as the official 2024 County newspaper. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Designate Website 01-02-24-13 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to designate the Yellow Medicine County (Highway Department) website as the official publication for transportation project bidding. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Meal Reimbursement 01-02-24-14 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to increase the meal reimbursement amount to \$60 per day for 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #01-2024 Tax Forfeit Fees 01-02-24-15 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #01-2024 as presented authorizing 20% of the tax-forfeit proceeds remaining after the appointments required under M.S. 282.08, Subdivisions 1 through 3, be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 01-02-24-16 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve charging the actual costs of the County Attorney's Office services provided to Human Services to the Human Services Fund. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #02-2024 Personnel Committee 01-02-24-17 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #02-2024 which gives the Personnel Committee authorization to advertise replacement positions. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Carryover of CHC Funding discussion 01-02-24-18 Jessica Johnson, Chemical Health Coalition, discussed the request to carryover funds into 2024. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve carrying over \$3,981 in Chemical Health Coalition funds into 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Body Camera and Squad Car Camera Updates 01-02-24-19 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$182,169.32 for body cameras and squad car cameras (to be paid with ARPA funds and Reserves). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:38 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Dan Moravetz, Highway Department, gave an update.

Right of Way Platting Services 01-02-24-20 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the quote from Bonnema Runke Stern Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for Right of Way platting on County Road 2. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Appointment 01-02-24-21 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Mike Knutson to the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Board of Managers for a three-year term ending January 1, 2027. Motion carried with all voting in favor.


Other Business None

Informational None

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

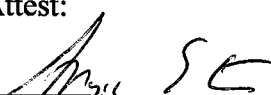
Adjourn 01-02-24-22 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator