

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

January 3, 2006

Commissioner Lynn Anderson called this organizational meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

Mr. Anderson asked for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Antony nominated Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson asked three times for additional nominations and heard none.

01-03-06-01 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Anderson for Yellow Medicine County Board Chairman for 2006. Carried.

Mr. Anderson called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Remiger nominated Mr. Antony for Vice-Chair. Mr. Anderson asked three times for additional nominations and heard none.

01-03-06-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Antony for Yellow Medicine County Board Vice-Chair for 2006. Carried.

01-03-06-03 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the agenda with the addition of designation of an official newspaper, Board of Adjustment appointments, and an ATP discussion. Carried.

A long list of Commissioner representatives on internal and external boards and committees was reviewed.

01-03-06-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the 2006 board and committee representatives per the amended listing, including Board Committee Positions and Advisory Committees/Boards. Carried.

01-03-06-05 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve AMC Conference delegates and MCIT voting delegates as listed. Carried.

01-03-06-06 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to leave ditch board positions open until needed. Carried.

01-03-06-07 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to set Board meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4th Tuesday at noon and set committee meetings per the listing presented. Carried.

01-03-06-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to set the pocket gopher bounty at \$2.00. Carried.

01-03-06-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to charge the actual cost of the County Attorney for Family Services to the Welfare Department. Carried.

01-03-06-10 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to issue warrants for incidental expenses. Carried.

01-03-06-11 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to set the 2006 mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS rate of 44½¢ per mile. Carried.

01-03-06-12 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to set the 2006 meal reimbursement allowance at \$33 per day. Carried.

01-03-06-13 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger 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(ii) 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, Subdivisions 1 through 4, be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas.

Carried.

01-03-06-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolution:

The Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners **does hereby resolve**, pursuant to the requirements of Minn. Stat. §176.011, subd. 9 (6), that all officers of Yellow Medicine County who are elected or appointed to a regular term in office, or to complete the unexpired portion of a regular term, shall be included within the definition of “employee” as that term is defined in Minn. Stat. §176.011, subd. 9 for purposes of coverage under the Workers’ Compensation Laws of the State of Minnesota; and

It is further resolved that this resolution recognizes that Yellow Medicine County has in the past included said officials in all Workers’ Compensation reports and audits and that this resolution is intended to meet the statutory requirements and confirm an existing practice, not to establish a new practice.

Carried.

01-03-06-15 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to designate the Canby News as the County’s legal newspaper for 2006 with the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune for second publications. Carried.

01-03-06-16 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to reappoint Manley Tortenson and Stan Homan to the Yellow Medicine County Board of Adjustment. Carried.

01-03-06-17 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the December 27, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Carried.

There were no Board or Committee reports.

Upcoming meetings and events were reviewed.

A request by Prairie Waters for \$2,000 to cover a 2005 revenue shortfall was considered.

01-03-06-18 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,000 for Prairie Waters. Carried, with Mr. Johnson opposed.

Mr. Chattin reviewed the amendments to Policy 503. A form has been added for reporting asset acquisition to the Auditor-Treasurer, who will be responsible for insuring County assets.

01-03-06-19 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Policy 503 – Purchasing and Contract Protocol and Authority, as amended. Carried.

There was discussion on changing the County Attorney to a full-time position.

01-03-06-20 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution and to set the County Attorney’s full-time salary at \$80,000 for 2007:

Whereas, the County believes that its residents and the County Board would be better served by making the County Attorney a full-time position; and

Whereas, State Statute 388.21, Subd. 1 allows for establishment of a full-time County Attorney position;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the position of Yellow Medicine County Attorney shall be a full-time position effective January 1, 2007 and the attorney elected to that office shall not engage in the private practice of law.

Carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin reviewed the County's Election Equipment Plan.

01-03-06-21 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the County's Election Equipment Plan as presented. Carried.

01-03-06-22 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$50,768.20 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$11,796.09. Carried.

Family Services Director Peggy Heglund joined the meeting to discuss a Pact 4 employee who will become a County employee, with costs being reimbursed by Pact 4. This employee will be hired as a temporary, full-time employee pending successful completion of Merit testing. Employment will be terminated on February 28th if required tests are not passed. The County will receive dollars for benefits that will not be provided during the temporary employment period.

Mr. Chattin noted that the resolution opposing use of District 8 ATP dollars in District 3 has been requested by other entities.

01-03-06-23 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer