

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

January 4, 2005

Commissioner Jane Remiger called this organizational meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Lynn Anderson, Gary Johnson, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin were also present. Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived shortly after convening.

Ms. Sherlin administered the oath of office to re-elected Commissioners Sherlin and Johnson.

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

**01-04-05-01** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Anderson for Yellow Medicine County Board Chairman for 2005. Carried.

Mr. Chattin deferred to Chairman Anderson.

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

**01-04-05-02** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Antony for Yellow Medicine County Board Vice-Chair for 2005. Carried.

There was discussion about adding interview committees to the agenda. Mr. Chattin suggested reviewing the County's recruitment and selection policy, that deals with the interview process, at the next meeting. The Board agreed.

**01-04-05-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of: Planning Commission appointments; ICS dues; and adult entertainment ordinance. Carried.

A long list of Commissioner representatives on internal and external boards and committees was reviewed. Finance Committee, Canby Airport Board, Family Services Personnel Advisory Board, and Comprehensive Plan Task Force were added to the list.

**01-04-05-04** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the 2005 board and committee representatives per the amended listing, including Board Committee Positions, Advisory Committees/Boards, AMC Delegates, and Ditch Boards. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin moved and Ms. Remiger seconded to approve nominations to the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, reviewed the candidates and there was discussion on the process and candidates. Mr. Sherlin and Ms. Remiger withdrew their motion pending further information.

**01-04-05-05** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to table consideration of Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment appointments until the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carried.

Amanda Sieling, Assistant County Attorney, presented an independent living alternative for a 17-year old foster child. A room would be rented from a foster care provider and funded with SELF dollars. Board approval is required under Minnesota Statutes 260C.201 Subd. 1(4).

**01-04-05-06** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to authorize the independent living alternative as requested. Carried.

**01-04-05-07** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to set Board meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

and set committee meetings per the listing presented, with Finance Committee added. Carried.

**01-04-05-08** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to set the pocket gopher bounty at \$1.00. Carried.

There was discussion on the need for a coyote bounty. Mr. Chattin will prepare a resolution for consideration at the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**01-04-05-09** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to charge the actual cost of the County Attorney for Family Services to the Welfare Department. Carried.

**01-04-05-10** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to issue warrants for incidental expenses. Carried.

**01-04-05-11** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to set the 2005 mileage reimbursement rate at 40½¢ per mile and to automatically adopt the IRS mileage rate in the future. Carried.

**01-04-05-12** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to set the 2005 meal reimbursement allowance at \$33 per day. Carried.

**01-04-05-13** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin 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.

**01-04-05-14** Motion by Ms. Remiger 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.

**01-04-05-15** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the 2005 Comparable Worth Schedule as presented. Carried.

Mr. Anderson called for a recess at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:04 p.m.

Ms. Sherlin shared some information on taxes collected and noted that property tax information will be available on the County’s website in the future. The cost for having that information available is \$100 per month and is in line with the County’s desire to increase available technologies.

**01-04-05-16** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to pay \$100 in ICS dues for 2005. Carried.

**01-04-05-17** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of the December 28, 2004 regular meeting minutes and approval of three new Corrections Officers. Carried.

Upcoming meetings and events were reviewed.

Mr. Johnson asked that the source of per diems be listed on the Board Representation/Committee Assignment list. Mr. Chattin will make those edits.

Ms. Remiger requested reimbursement for expenses incurred by two teachers she recruited to represent the County at the Capitol's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

**01-04-05-18** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve expenses for attending the Capitol event. Carried.

**01-04-05-19** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to nominate Mavis Gustafson for the at-large board member on the Prairie Water board. Carried.

**01-04-05-20** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$138,799.79 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$17,317.17. Carried.

**01-04-05-21** Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer