

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Ron Antony, Greg Renneke and Gary Johnson also present (via teleconference). Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the January 5, 2021 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 01-05-21-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Chair 01-05-21-02 Commissioner Berends called for nominations for the 2021 County Board Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Berends called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Johnson for 2021 County Board Chair. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Renneke and Berends voting in favor. Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting.

Election of Vice-Chair 01-05-21-03 Chairman Johnson called for nominations for 2021 County Vice-Chair. Commissioner Berends nominated Commissioner Kack. Chairman Johnson called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Kack for 2021 County Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-05-21-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 22, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; Yellowstone Trail Alliance of Western Minnesota membership renewal for 2021 in the amount of \$500; Western Minnesota Prairie Waters/Get Rural MN funding request in the amount of \$8,623 for 2021; Meander request for funding in the amount of \$500 for 2021; Rinke Noonan retainer for 2021 (option one); approve replacement of the full-time Deputy Sheriff position with Travis Peterson, Task Force Deputy, effective January 11, 2021. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-05-21-05 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$7,290.16 Ditch Fund, \$76,591.47 Revenue Fund, \$23,918.59 Road & Bridge Fund, \$43,676.12 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.