

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2025**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Glen Kack 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 01-07-25-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the agenda with the following addition: add hiring of Mollie Londgren as a part-time Administrative Specialist in Family Services, her salary will be grade 7, step 7, her start date is TBD. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Chair 01-07-25-02 Chair Renneke called for nominations for the 2025 County Board 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 2025 County Board Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election of Vice-Chair 01-07-25-03 Chair Berends called for nominations for 2025 County Vice-Chair. Commissioner Antony nominated Commissioner Kling. Chair Berends called for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to close nominations for Commissioner Kling for 2025 County Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-07-25-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: December 17, 2024 County Board meeting minutes; Ag BMP Loan Budget Amendment 2024; County Fairgrounds Property Management Quarterly Update and Payment Request from Doug Waltz in the amount of \$1,437.50; consideration of permanent status for employee; approve Kaitlin Delfosse as an unpaid Intern in Family Services effective January 13, 2025; resignation of Laura Phinney, Correctional Officer/Dispatcher; resignation of Brian Hanson, Correctional Officer/Dispatcher; replace Correctional Officer/Dispatcher (2 positions); hiring of Mollie Londgren as a part-time Administrative Specialist, her salary will be grade 7, step 7, her start date is TBD. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-07-25-05 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$4,933.78 Ditch Fund, \$67,066.45 Revenue Fund, \$10,848.56 Road & Bridge Fund, \$142,125.93 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 Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Chemical Health Coalition, Counties Providing Technology and State Radio Board Finance meeting. Commissioner Kling reported on Soil and Water Conservation District and gravel pit meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on gravel pit meeting. Commissioner Kack reported on Area II/RCRCA and Extension Farm Family or the Year update. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Lakes meetings.

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

2025 Organizational Business

Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 01-07-25-06 The Board reviewed the list of committees, task force and board assignments. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the list of committees, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2025 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 01-07-25-07 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling 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 with the exception of changing the November dates to November 4th and 18th and the December dates to December 2nd and 16th. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gopher Bounty 01-07-25-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to keep the gopher bounty the same for 2025 with a 50/50 match with townships up to \$2 per gopher. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Beaver Bounty 01-07-25-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony 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 01-07-25-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to follow the IRS rate which is 70 cents per mile for 2025. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Official Newspaper 01-07-25-11 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling to designate the Canby News as the official 2025 County newspaper. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Designate Website 01-07-25-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony 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 01-07-25-13 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to keep the meal reimbursement amount the same at \$60 per day for 2025. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 01-07-25-14 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling 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 #05-2025 Personnel Committee 01-07-25-15 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #05-2025 which gives the Personnel Committee authorization to advertise replacement positions. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2025 Prosecution Contracts with Cities 01-07-25-16 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the 2025 Agreements for Prosecution Services for the City of Hazel Run, City of Wood Lake, City of Echo and City of Clarkfield. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dan Moravetz, Tony Sather and Andy Lee, Highway Department, gave an update.

Detour Agreement with MnDOT 01-07-25-17 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the TH 68 Detour Agreement with MnDOT. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #01-2025 01-07-25-18 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #01-2025 which authorizes the County Engineer and County Administrator to execute the MnDOT Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Right of Way Payments for SAP 087-630-006 01-07-25-19 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #02-2025 which approves Right of Way Payments. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gravel Pit Operations 01-07-25-20 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Gravel Pit Operations as presented with the amendment to the 'who can purchase' section. It will include townships, towns and municipalities in Yellow Medicine County and other projects as approved by the Board. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gravel Pit Property Use Agreement 01-07-25-21 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Gravel Pit Property Use Agreement with Blaine Weber. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:48 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

Planning Commission Appointments 01-07-25-22 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to reappoint Tim Velde and Jeff Berthelsen to the Planning Commissioner for a two-year term. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Board of Adjustment Appointments 01-07-25-23 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to reappoint Jonathan Wolff and Jane Remiger to the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Purchase Agreement for Hanley Falls Property 01-07-25-24 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Purchase Agreement with Christopher Kaftan for the North Half of Lot 2, Block 3 of the Village (now City) of Hanley Falls, MN. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Donation Resolution #03-2025 01-07-25-25 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #03-2025 which Accepts Gifts and Grants for the YMC Sheriff's Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #04-2025 Tax Forfeit Fees 01-07-25-26 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #04-2025 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.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, discussed the budget.


Other Business None

Informational None

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

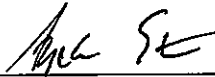
Adjourn 01-07-25-27 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kling to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator