

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2008**

Commissioner Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

**Election of Chair 1-8-08-01** Commissioner Antony asked for nominations for 2008 County Board Chair. Commissioner Remiger nominated Commissioner Sherlin. Commissioner Antony asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Sherlin for 2008 County Board Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Election of Vice Chair 1-8-08-02** Commissioner Sherlin asked for nominations for 2008 County Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Wambeke nominated Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Sherlin asked for additional nominations three times and heard none. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Antony to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Johnson for 2008 County Board Vice Chair. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Approve Agenda 1-8-08-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: add SWCD letter regarding LCMR grant and Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance under Commissioner's Reports. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2008 Organizational Business:**

**Committee/Board/Task Force/Delegate Appointments 1-8-08-04** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the list of committee, board, task force and delegate appointments for 2008 as amended. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The Board agreed that if alternates were needed throughout the year to attend meetings and the appointed commissioner and alternate could not attend that the appointed commissioner could contact any of the other commissioners to ask them to attend the meeting in their place. A complete list of appointments is on file with the county administrator.

**Ditch Board Appointments 1-8-08-05** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to leave ditch board positions open until needed. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Meeting Dates and Times 1-8-08-06** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to set regular County Board meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. and Family Service Board meetings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Official Newspaper 1-8-08-07** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to designate the Canby News as the official county newspaper for 2008. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Gopher Bounty 1-8-08-08** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to set the gopher bounty at \$2 per gopher for 2008. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Mileage Reimbursement 1-8-08-09** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to set the 2008 mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS rate of 50.5 cents per mile. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Meal Reimbursement 1-8-08-10** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Antony to set the 2008 meal and tip reimbursement amount at \$33 per day. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Charging Attorney Costs to Human Services 1-8-08-11** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve charging the actual costs of the County Attorney's Office services provided to Human Services to the Human Service Fund. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Auditor to Issue Warrants 1-8-08-12** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the county auditor to issue warrants for incidental expenses for the Revenue, Road & Bridge and Ditch Funds. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Incidental expenses include credit card expenses, utilities, telephone, taxes, postage, licenses and fees.

**Tax Forfeit Fees 1-8-08-13** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution 01-2008 as presented authorizing 20% of the tax-forfeit fees remaining after the apportionments required under M.S. 282.05, Subdivisions 1 through 4, to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Elected Officials Work Comp Resolution 1-8-08-14** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Resolution 02-2008 as presented that pursuant to the requirements of M.S. §176.011, subd. 9 (6), all officers of Yellow Medicine County who are elected or appointed to a regular term in office, or who 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. Motion carried with all voting favor.

**Appoint Planning Commission Members 1-8-08-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission for three year terms starting in 2008: Dale Hinz, Dorian Gatchell, Richard Larsen, Charles Hoffman, Dan Dybsetter. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Appoint Extension Committee Member 1-8-08-16** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Cheryl Rude to the Extension Committee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 1-8-08-17** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the December 20, 2007, County Board meeting; 2008 tobacco compliance check agreement with Countryside Public Health; 2008 Canby DAC agreement for cleaning services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** There were no citizens present to be heard.

**Commissioners Reports** Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program, SWCD, a letter to SWCD regarding a meeting about an LCMR grant and granite outcroppings in the Minnesota River Valley, 6W Corrections and Prairie 5. Commissioner Remiger reported on the RCRCA, Yellow Medicine County Museum and Machinery Museum.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

**Department/Agency Reports** Auditor/Treasurer Lois Bonde updated the Board on the Auditor/Treasurer Department.

The county attorney and administrator reports were given.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Bond Refinance 1-8-08-18** Myron Knutson with PFM Group and Dennis Healy with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) presented information regarding refinancing LPRW bond debt currently backed by the county. Refinancing would provide a cost saving for LPRW and reduce the county's exposure. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to proceed with refinancing the bond debt. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioner Reports Continued** Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance (SPHPA) and presented an operational agreement for the SPHPA. Commissioner Antony reported on the Creative Solutions Committee. Commissioner Sherlin had no reports.

**Other Business:** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 1-8-08-19** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$205,756.48 Revenue Fund, \$70,502.75 Road and Bridge Fund and \$2,998.65 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

**Informational:** None

**Adjourn 1-8-08-20** Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

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Louis Sherlin, Chair

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Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer