

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance Manager Michelle May, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick. Absent was Commissioner Greg Renneke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 07-12-16-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion regarding Solar Gardens. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 07-12--16-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: consideration of permanent status for two employees and discontinuation of an agreement with Justice Benefits, Inc. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Approval of Minutes 07-12-16-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends (who passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Johnson) to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2016 County Board meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Berends and Antony voting in favor. Commissioners Sherlin and Johnson abstained.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Six West Community Corrections and the Chippewa/Yellow Medicine County Broadband meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on a thank you received from the Yellow Medicine County Historical Society, the OSA Audit meeting and the Chippewa/Yellow Medicine County Broadband meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on a citizen request to view a driveway, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, Prairie Five CAC, Six West Community Corrections, the Quarterly Administration meeting, Chippewa/Yellow Medicine County Broadband meeting, the Silent Auction at the Courthouse and an Area Transportation meeting. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, update on the Justice Center, the request for a technology grant from the MN Judicial Branch, an upcoming webinar on Solar Gardens and an upcoming meeting with FEMA. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

County Bridge 4205 07-12-16-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to affirm the decision to keep the replacement of County Bridge 4205 as part of the Highway Five Year Plan CIP. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for break at 10:34 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-576-16, Andy Frank 07-12-16-05

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-576-16 for Andy Frank, Wood Lake, MN to construct a 102' x 184' hog finishing barn to house 2,400 head of hogs. Manure storage will be in an 8' deep concrete pit under the barn. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District in the northeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (NE ¼ NE ¼) of Section 14 in Posen Township T=-113-N R-39-W. A conditional use permit is required because this is an expansion of feedlot over 500 animal units; and an expansion of a feedlot that is within ½ mile of a neighboring dwelling.

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-576-16 for Andy Frank with the following condition:

1. Pit additives shall be used to control odor.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners and Jolene Johnson discussed the Planning & Zoning Ordinance for the development of Solar Gardens. Ms. Johnson will complete research and report back to the Board.

Earl Fuechtmann with Contegrity Group, Inc. provided the Board with an update on the Justice Center construction project.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 07-12-16-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$21,312.90 Ditch Fund,

\$140,698.12 Revenue Fund, \$34,507.33 Road & Bridge Fund, \$76,214.63 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.

Conrad Osland, Chemical Health Coalition and Alex Loesch, Pact for Families provided the Board with information about students in Yellow Medicine County that was collected through the SHARE survey.

Commissioners had a discussion regarding the development of Broadband services in the County.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Department/Program Updates

Julie Dammann and Eriann Faris from the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc. provided a presentation.

Sheriff Flaten gave an update.

Other Business None

Informational June Vendor Payments.

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

Adjourn 07-12-16-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at

1:50 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



John Berends, Chair
Administrator



Peggy Heglund, County