

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2007**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 1:00 p.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, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 07-24-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: Purchase fax machine with recorder's unallocated funds on the Consent Agenda, 2006 Road and Bridge Annual Report on the Regular Agenda, LEC Kitchen Area on Other Business, CAPX 2020 in Informational. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 07-24-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the July 10, 2007, County Board meeting, Granite Falls DU gambling permit, Canby Golf Course on and off-sale beer licenses, three additional appropriation requests totaling \$21,414 in revenues and \$22,914 in expenditures, and a \$899 plus tax purchase from the recorder's unallocated fund. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There were no citizens present to be heard.

Regular Agenda:

Auditor/Treasurer Replacement 07-24-07-03 Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin was present to discuss with the Board the replacement of her position after she retires August 31. The Board reviewed the options for replacing an auditor/treasurer and resolution 05-09-06-09 which supports seeking legislation that would give the Board authority to appoint the county recorder and auditor/treasurer positions instead of those positions being elected. An interim auditor/treasurer can be used to fill a vacancy in the position while legislation is being requested. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to appoint an interim auditor/treasurer to replace Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin. Motion carried three in favor and two opposed with Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Antony voting opposed.

07-24-07-04 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to hire an interim auditor/treasurer through internal promotion of a qualified county employee with selection to be done through an application, resume and interview process. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Reports Commissioner Johnson reported on MnRAA, RDC and Prairie Lakes.

Peterson Gravel Pit CUP 07-24-07-05 Jolene Johnson with the County Zoning Office presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit request YM-466-07 for Robert and Douglas Peterson to operate a gravel pit, an extractive use, in part of the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter (E ½ SW ¼) of Section 29 Stony Run East Township T-116-N R-39-W. A list of six conditions were recommended. Six citizens were present for the discussion. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve conditional use permit YM-466-07 for Robert and Douglas Peterson with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall follow the rules set forth in Section XVII, Mining Regulations.
2. Applicant shall submit and follow a reclamation plan that follows the guidelines set in Section XVII – Mining Regulations; and has been approved by the Yellow Medicine County Zoning Administrator within sixty (60) days after approval of permit.

3. Applicant shall repair and maintain the township road to satisfactory condition as required by the Stony Run Township Board.
4. All traffic connected with the site, both in and out, shall use the township road to the east. The moving of equipment between the Peterson pit and the Enstad pit shall be exempt from this condition.
5. Applicant shall stockpile gravel and overburden in such a manner as to prevent erosion into the drainage system located on the property. In the event that sediment from this mining site enters the drainage system on this property as determined by the county ditch inspector or another qualified individual as selected by the County Zoning Administrator, the applicant shall be responsible for the maintenance required.
6. The depth of excavation shall be no deeper than the elevation of the ordinary high water mark of the adjacent wetland. In the event that the applicant desires to excavate beyond this elevation, the joint application process (SWCD, DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers) must be followed. Motion carried.

Clarkfield Project S.A.P. 87-624-03 07-24-07-06 County Engineer Andy Sander presented the Board with three bids for grading construction and aggregate base on S.A.P. 87-624-03 (CSAH 24) in the City of Clarkfield. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the low bid submitted by Midwest Contracting, LLC for \$345,206.65. Motion carried. The remaining bids are on file with the County Highway Department.

Engineer Sander updated the Board on current construction projects and presented the 2006 Road and Bridge Annual Report.

Highway Broom 07-24-07-07 Engineer Sander requested to offer for sale the old highway broom to Swift County. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to sell the old county highway broom for \$4,850.00. Motion carried.

Countryside Public Health Update and 2008 Budget Countryside Public Health Director Liz Auch updated the Board on public health's programs and services and presented a proposed 2008 budget summary.

Joint Powers Agreement 07-24-07-08 Auch requested approval of a joint powers agreement for the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Board Appointments 07-24-07-09 Auch also requested appointments to the public health board. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint Commissioner Remiger as the Yellow Medicine County Board representative to the public health board with Commissioner Wambeke appointed as the alternate. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

SWIF Update and 2008 Budget Request Marc Vaillancourt with the SWIF gave an update to the Board and presented a request for the 2008 budget.

County Parks Update County Parks Director Myron Hagelstrom gave an update to the Board on the county parks. Director Hagelstrom will bring back an estimate to the Board on the costs to rough in electric, survey, build a road and seed with grass the new addition to Timm Park.

Other Business:

LEC Kitchen Area The Board asked that a kitchen style countertop, sink, cupboards and electrical outlets be put into the LEC Training Room.

Commissioner's Reports continued Commissioner Sherlin did not have a report. Commissioner Antony reported on the Rural Energy Board and Yellow Medicine Watershed. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Courthouse Campus Committee, Finance Committee, RC&D, Historical Society and the MVRRA. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Finance Committee and Drug Task Force.

Department Reports The county attorney and administrator gave reports to the Board.

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

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 07-24-07-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$58,017.16 Revenue Fund, \$49,869.85 Road and Bridge Fund and \$30,734.70 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$128,093.48 and electronic funds transfers of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Informational The Board reviewed several informational items.

Adjourn 07-24-07-11 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chair

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer