

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2013**

Chairman Ron Antony 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, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peggy Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

Approve Agenda 07-09-13-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 07-09-13-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: June 25, 2013 County Board meeting minutes; June 25, 2013 Board of Equalization meeting minutes; Prioritized Bridge Replacement List Resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Sherlin reported on Area II and RCRC. Commissioner Johnson reported on U of M Extension and Prairie Lakes. Commissioner Renneke reported on Soil and Water. Commissioner Berends reported on Community Health Assessment and Southern Prairie. Commissioner Antony reported on Regional Radio Board and State Radio Board.

Department/Program Updates

Property & Public Services 07-09-13-03 Janel Timm, PPSD Director, updated the board on that Department's activities. She also requested authority to forgive a tax penalty as the homeowner was not at fault for the delay in payment. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to forgive the penalty in the amount of \$267.76. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Hearing: Tax Abatement Request 07-09-13-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to address a request by Matt Wagner for a tax abatement for the Subway in Canby. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to close the hearing at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #13-2013. Motion carried with Commissioners Sherlin, Renneke and Antony voting in favor and Commissioners Johnson and Berends voting against.

The Board recessed for break at 10:37 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Regular Agenda

Decision Regarding Wheelage Tax and/or Sales Tax Options 07-09-13-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to not implement the wheelage tax. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnson, Berends and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioners Antony and Renneke voting against.

Grant Agreement between State of MN/Board of Water and Soil Resources and Yellow Medicine County 07-09-13-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agreement that allows the County to receive \$3,765.00 for a 2012 Feedlot Performance Grant as part of the Natural Resources Block Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Petition regarding Ditch Closure for County Ditch 36: Chris Balfany 07-09-13-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to deny the ditch closure. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business

Informational

New Disclosure Requirements for County Commissioners County Attorney Helgeson updated the board.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 07-09-13-08 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$7,322.20 Ditch Fund, \$67,462.25 Revenue Fund, \$43,760.23 Road & Bridge Fund, \$62,456.67 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged 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.

The Board recessed at 11:37 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Strategic Planning Meeting Commissioners Antony, Berends, Renneke, Johnson and Sherlin met with the Yellow Medicine County Department Heads and Elected Officials for a strategic planning meeting with the purpose to set goals for the next two years. Those goals included: Assuring Yellow Medicine County provides the most effective services at the most efficient cost; Communication with the citizens of Yellow Medicine County to convey the progress regarding the Phase II study of facility needs for the County Offices; and Create an Economic Development Task Force in an effort to coordinate activity in Yellow Medicine County.

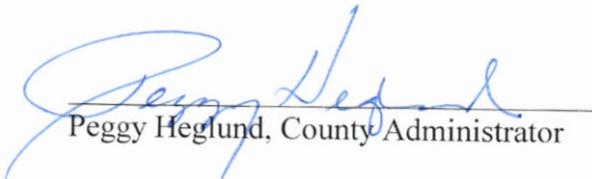
Adjourn The planning meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Witness:



Ron Antony, Board Chair

Attest:



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator