

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2007**

Chairman 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, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 06-12-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following additions: Yellow Medicine County Museum bonding request and Machinery Museum bonding request under Regular Agenda, May Jail Report under Informational, YAMS fairgrounds rental and MN Board on Aging under Other Business. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 06-12-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the May 22, 2007 County Board meeting, fireworks permit for the City of Granite Falls on June 23, fireworks permit for Prairie's Edge Casino on July 3, temporary beer license for the Granite Falls Baseball Association on June 21-24. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin introduced new Chief Deputy Auditor Janel Timm to the Board.

06-12-07-03 Dick and Evelyn Regnier presented the Board with a request to have Yellow Medicine County be the local unit of government to submit a state capital budget bonding request for the proposed Southwestern MN Prairie Farm Preservation, Education and Exhibit Center that would be located near the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Park near Canby. Funding for the project would come from state and federal government sources, sponsors and private contributions. The Board discussed at length that no county funding would be provided for this project. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 16A.86 sets out the process by which local governments and political subdivisions may request state appropriations for capital improvement projects;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature will consider these bonding requests in the 2008 session;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Finance asks local governments to submit capital budget requests for consideration in the 2008 legislative session to the Department of Finance by June 25, 2007;

WHEREAS, state appropriations are being requested for the Southwest Minnesota Prairie Farm Preservation, Education and Exhibit Center;

WHEREAS, state funding for projects is limited to no more than 50% of the total capital costs;

WHEREAS, governing bodies supporting capital budget requests are required to prioritize projects if submitting multiple requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of a Capital Budget Request as presented for the Southwest

Minnesota Prairie Farm Preservation, Education and Exhibit Center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County will provide no funding for said project and capital budget request;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said project is the second priority of the two capital budget requests submitted by Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson and Remiger voting against.

Commissioner Reports Commissioner reports were tabled until the June 26 Board meeting.

Department Reports Dennis Healy, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water CEO, presented the Board with the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System Year End 2005 and 2006 Audit.

The county attorney and administrator reports were tabled until the June 26 Board meeting.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events 06-12-07-04 The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Commissioner Remiger to serve on the Waste to Energy Joint Powers Board with Commissioner Antony serving as the alternate. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

Public Hearing - Off-sale Beer License Fees 06-12-07-05 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to discuss an increase in off-sale beer license fees. Motion carried.

Administrator Krosch presented the proposed fee changes. No one from the public was in attendance for the hearing and no comments were submitted.

Commissioner Antony closed the hearing.

06-12-07-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to increase the off-sale beer license fee to \$30.00, increase the temporary on-sale beer license fee to \$30.00 and establish an off-sale liquor license fee at \$315. Motion carried.

Meeting with Upper Sioux Board of Trustees, BIA and MnDOT Representatives from the Upper Sioux Community Board of Trustees, BIA and MnDOT were present to discuss County Road 44, Minnesota Highway 274 and Minnesota Highway 23 road issues. Representatives from Wood Lake and Minnesota Falls Township were also in attendance. Maintenance, realignment and extension of County Road 44 and the possible turnback of MN Highway 274 were discussed. The consensus was to form a committee of representatives from the County, Upper Sioux, Wood Lake, Minnesota Falls Township and MnDOT to further discuss these road issues.

County Road 24 Project 06-12-07-07 County Engineer Andy Sander presented the Board with a financing agreement for CSAH 24 in Clarkfield. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to present the agreement as presented to the City of Clarkfield. Motion carried.

Granite Falls Shop Addition Final Resolution 06-12-07-08 Engineer Sander presented the Board with a final payment resolution for the Granite Falls shop addition. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin

and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Granite Falls 2006 shop addition work, have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Yellow Medicine hereby accepts said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Yellow Medicine and authorizes final payment to Dulas Construction, Inc in the amount of \$12,725.10 for the final contract amount totaling \$178,084.00. Motion carried.

Resolution for New WMA 06-12-07-09 Bill Schuna, DNR, presented the Board with a resolution requesting 80 acres of land be sold to the DNR for a wildlife management area in Swede Prairie Township. The payment in-lieu-of taxes would be \$4.28 more per acre than what the County currently collects for taxes. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke approve the follow resolution:

WHEREAS, lands to be acquired by the state are described as follows: The South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 SW1/4) of Section Six (32), Township One Hundred Fourteen (114) North, Range Forty-four (42), West of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellow Medicine County on June 12, 2007 that the State's proposed acquisition of the above described property be approved. Motion carried.

Prairie Lakes Youth Programs – Purchase of Kandiyohi County Group Homes The Board reviewed a proposal to sell the Kandiyohi County Boy's and Girl's Group Homes to Prairie Lakes Youth Programs. The consensus of the Board was to have Prairie Lakes move forward with the purchase of the group homes as presented.

Family Service Staffing Request 06-12-07-10 Family Services Director Peggy Heglund presented a request to the Board for a .5 FTE children's mental health social worker position. PACT4 previously staffed this position. Funding for the position is available from PACT4 and generated revenue through targeted case management. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the hiring of a .5 FTE children's mental health social worker. Motion carried.

Restorative Justice Coordinator Hiring 06-12-07-11 Interviews were conducted for the Restorative Justice Coordinator position with the recommendation being to hire Julie Marthaler for the position. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the hiring of Julie Marthaler as the Restorative Justice Coordinator at Step 2 Pay Grade 20 on the Yellow Medicine County 2007 salary schedule. Motion carried.

Property next to the Courthouse 06-12-07-12 The board discussed making an offer to purchase property owned by Alan Berends at 355 9th Avenue for additional space next to the courthouse campus. Motion by Commissioner Remiger to start negotiations with Berends on the purchase of his property. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to table the discussion until the June 26 meeting. Motion carried.

Bonding Request – Yellow Medicine County Museum The Board met with County Zoning Officer Randy Jacobson, EM/VSO Michelle Gatz, Granite Falls Mayor Dave Smiglewski and City Manager Bill Lavin to discuss a bonding request to relocate the County Museum. The consensus was to not pursue state bonding funds at this time and to seek FEMA mitigation funding instead.

Bonding Request – Machinery Museum 06-12-07-13 Tim Velde and Mavis Gustafson with Minnesota’s Machinery Museum requested the Board to have Yellow Medicine County be the local unit of government to submit a state capital budget bonding request for funding to do improvements and repairs to the museum. Federal funding is also being sought by the Museum. Match funding from the County was also requested. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 16A.86 sets out the process by which local governments and political subdivisions may request state appropriations for capital improvement projects;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature will consider these bonding requests in the 2008 session;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Finance asks local governments to submit capital budget request for consideration in the 2008 legislative session to the Department of Finance by June 25, 2007;

WHEREAS, state appropriations are being requested for Minnesota’s Machinery Museum;

WHEREAS, state funding for projects is limited to no more than 50% of the total capital costs;

WHEREAS, governing bodies supporting capital budget requests are required to prioritize projects if submitting multiple requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of a Capital Budget Request as presented for Minnesota’s Machinery Museum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County will provide up to \$20,000 of matching funds towards the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said project is the first priority of the two capital budget requests submitted by Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting against the motion.

YAMS Fairgrounds Rental 06-12-07-14 Brian Skogen requested that the YAMs non-profit youth group be reimbursed for the rental of a fairground’s building. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve reimbursement of the fairgrounds rental fee to the YAMs group and Brian Skogen. Motion carried.

Minnesota Board on Aging The Board discussed a letter received by the Commissioners regarding the area agency on aging services provided in Region 6W. The Board felt it would be beneficial to have a regional meeting with representatives from Prairie 5, the Region 6W RDC, Region 6W counties and Minnesota Board on Aging.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 06-12-07-15 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve Commissioner’s Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$88,341.34 Revenue Fund, \$17,471.95 Road and Bridge Fund, and \$5,084.12 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor’s Warrants totaling \$1,044,594.20. Motion carried.

Informational The Board reviewed the May 2007 jail report and May 2007 financial reports.

The Board of Equalization will meet at 1:00 p.m. today.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

Adjourn 06-12-07-16 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chairman

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer