

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

June 13, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:02 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present. Julie Kvam of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived after the meeting started.

06-13-06-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of: set the date and time for, and appoint two Commissioners to, a Joint Ditch No. 39 outlet petition hearing; approve 3.2 beer licenses for the Baseball Association for June 22nd through the 24th and annual licenses for Ruth's Service and the Canby Golf Club; discussion on a ditch crossing watershed boundaries; landfill rent contract; a tax forfeit house in Clarkfield; and attending the NACO Conference. Carried.

An additional appropriation request for \$1,989 for a Redwood SW study was withdrawn from the consent agenda pending further information.

06-13-06-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the May 23, 2006 regular meeting minutes, reappointment of Paul Wilson to a 3-year term on the WesMN RLF Board, and four additional appropriation requests. Carried.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Prairie Waters, and the Entrepreneurs' Assistance Network. Mr. Johnson discussed a fatal review committee, SWCD, UMVRDC renewable energy meeting, the AMC Spring Conference, and Region 6W Community Corrections. Ms. Remiger gave updates on a DNR/Curtis Lake meeting and Pact 4 Families Collaborative. Mr. Anderson reviewed a bird flu meeting, a meeting with AFSCME, SAFE Communities, and Region 6W Community Corrections.

Bob Byrnes, Extension Regional Director, Michelle Molden Ascheman, 4-H Program Coordinator, and Theresa Witte, 4-H Youth Development, introduced summer interns Emily Hanson and Nicole Schommer. They reviewed current and planned 4-H activities. A new 4-H diversity program starting at the Upper Sioux was also reviewed.

Engineer Andy Sander, Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub, and General Foreman Larry Stoks reviewed project bids and associated right-of-way payments.

06-13-06-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to award the bid for the County E1 project (C.P. 01-74) to R and G Construction Company for \$166,168.07 and approve the associated right-of-way payments totaling \$13,978.80. Carried.

06-13-06-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to award the bid for construction of bridges in Sioux Agency and Sandnes Townships (S.A.P. 87-599-113 and S.A.P. 87-599-115) to Landwehr Construction, Inc. for \$141,968.04. Carried.

06-13-06-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to award the bid for the CSAH 3 project (S.A.P. 87-603-26) to R and G Construction Company for \$2,194,459.83 and approve the associated right-of-way payments totaling \$62,876.92. Carried.

06-13-06-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to appoint Andy Sander as the County Engineer for a term of four years. Carried.

A tax forfeit property in Clarkfield was discussed. The building is overgrown

with trees and has no saleable value. The Clarkfield fire department has expressed an interest in using the house for training and then having a controlled burn.

06-13-06-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve having the Clarkfield fire department use the house for training and then burn it down. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin made the Board aware of a ditch east of Canby that crosses watersheds. There is a plan proposed that would fill the current ditch and divert water to a private waterway.

06-13-06-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the revised AWAIR policy, as recommended by the Safety Committee. Carried.

An upcoming meeting on the Granite Falls airport was discussed. Mr. Chattin also noted that Minnesota Falls Township will be discussing the proposed expansion with the Board at their June 27th meeting.

Family Services Director Peggy Heglund and Assistant County Attorney Amanda Sieling presented a request to hire a temporary Child Protection Social Worker for approximately 8½ months, to cover employee absences and maternity leaves.

06-13-06-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to waive the need for advertising and to hire Mandy Allen as a temporary Child Protection Social Worker for a term of approximately 8½ months at a rate of \$18.40 per hour. Carried.

06-13-06-10 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to designate Legal Secretaries Barbara Bresson and Gloria DeCramer as full-time County employees effective June 1, 2006. Carried.

06-13-06-11 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to have Mr. Chattin continue negotiating with the hospital for office space in their new building. Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson updated the Board on weeds, conditional use permit applications, and variance applications.

VSO/Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz, Head Custodian Curt Johnson, and Assistant County Attorney Amanda Sieling presented concerns with Serenity Gardens, the company awarded the contract to construct the veterans' memorial. There have been difficulties dealing with the company and several issues have needed clarification. It was decided to continue working with Serenity Gardens to complete the project.

06-13-06-12 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to appoint Mr. Anderson and Mr. Johnson as representatives to a Joint Ditch No. 39 outlet hearing and to set that public hearing for July 18, 2006 at 1:00 PM in Redwood Falls. Carried.

Mr. Anderson shared some correspondence.

06-13-06-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve Commissioner's Warrant totaling \$154,857.54 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$929,273.70. Carried.

Laptops budgeted for the Commissioners were discussed. Mr. Chattin will have Fran Van Keulen, the County's technical support contact, present some options at the next Board meeting. Carried.

06-13-06-14 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to rebid the expiring landfill rental agreement for a 5-year term. Carried.

Representation at NACO conferences was discussed. The Board agreed that any Commissioner wishing to attend should go.

06-13-06-15 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn at 12:29 PM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer

Yellow Medicine County Board of Equalization Minutes

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Chairman Lynn Anderson called this Board of Equalization to order at 1:05 PM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and County Assessor Connie Erickson were also present.

Ms. Erickson explained the Board of Equalization processes for cities, townships, and the County. Because of a lack of a quorum, the Oshkosh Township meeting became an open book meeting, where no action could be taken and action had to be deferred to the County Board.

06-13-06-16 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to decrease the value on parcel 13-018-4041 by \$6,500 as Brad Lueders has removed 3 grain bins included in the valuation. Carried.

Ms. Erickson gave some legislative updates including an increase in the homestead limit for 2007 from \$600,000 to \$690,000.

06-13-06-17 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adjourn at 1:14 PM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer