

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2018**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Gary Johnson, Ron Antony and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson and Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine. Commissioner Greg Renneke was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 06-26-18-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following addition: add discussion on squad car to the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Sheriff Bill Flaten updated the board on the possible purchase of a new squad car. The current squad car was hit by a deer this past weekend.

The Board participated in a work session with Julie Ring, Director of Association of Minnesota Counties, regarding recruitment for the County Administrator position.

Commissioner Renneke joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

The board recessed for break at 2:45 p.m.

The board reconvened at 3:02 p.m. Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Kyle Klausing and Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson joined the meeting.

Consent Agenda 06-26-18-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: June 12, 2018 County Board meeting minutes; hiring of Jordan Haack as a full-time Correctional Officer/Dispatcher, his salary will be grade 12, step 1, his start date is July 9, 2018; Prosecution Agreement with the City of Echo; termination of the Administrative Secretary position in VSO; renewal of the Pictometry contract. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 06-26-18-03 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$31,591.85 Ditch Fund, \$59,801.30 Revenue Fund, \$21,161.01 Road & Bridge Fund, \$103,412.64 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.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Renneke reported on child care meeting, CPUI meeting, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, citizen concerns regarding ditches and meeting with Administrator Heglund regarding investments. Commissioner Antony reported on Labor Management, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority and Pioneerland Library System. Commissioner Johnson reported on Labor Management, Clarkfield school task force, Prairie Five Nutrition, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Area Transportation Partnership and Prairie Five Rides. Commissioner Berends reported on Countryside Public Health, white water park meeting, Historical Society and Southern Prairie Community Care. Commissioner Kack reported on Prairie Five, Fair Board and Western Mental Health Center.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, leadership cohort training, update on the fair grounds and Flying Cow public hearing. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Investments 06-26-18-04 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to utilize UBS for county investments. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Carpet Purchase and Installation 06-26-18-05 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the quotes from Aus Floors and More in the amount of \$26,285.89 for carpet and installation in the Health and Human Services Building (Aus will install on first floor and Rick will install on second floor). No other quotes were received (see documentation in the board packet). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Laundry Equipment 06-26-18-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote from E. Weinberg Supply & Equipment in the amount of \$9,265 for the purchase of laundry equipment. Two other quotes were received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Executive Recruitment Agreement 06-26-18-07 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote from DDA Human Resources, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000 for executive recruitment services. Two other quotes were received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Contract for Project C.P. 17-76 06-26-18-08 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the low bid from Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$250,640.70 for C.P. 17-76 (County Road E3). Three other bids were received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Right of Way Payments 06-26-18-09 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Right of Way payments as presented for C.P. 17-76 (County Road E3). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department/Program Updates

Dale Setterholm, Minnesota Geological Survey, presented to the board on well mapping. Others in attendance were Paul Putzier, MN DNR, Barbara Lusardi, Minnesota Geological Survey and Lucas Youngsma, MN DNR.

Tyler Knutson, Kurt Johnson and Brooke Buysse, Soil and Water Conservation District, presented to the board.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center, presented to the board.

Intern 06-28-18-10 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Kelsey Phinney as a paid intern at \$12 per hour (maximum of \$2,400) for the summer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Connection 06-28-18-11 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the \$5,000 request from The Connection in Canby. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Regular Agenda (continued)

Chairman Antony opened the hearing for County Ditch 36 at 5:00 p.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, John Berends, Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke and Glen Kack present. Also present were YMC Ditch Administrator Chris Balfany, YMC Ditch Administrative Secretary Cindy Anderson, YMC Finance Manager Lacey Rigge,

YMC Finance & Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, YMC Administrator Peg Heglund, Kurt Deter with Rinke Noonan Law Firm, Bill Helget from Bolton and Menk, and viewers Jim Weidemann and Steve Johnson. Others in attendance were Hollis Weber, Bob Weber, Tanya Yerigan, Stan Homan, Gary Landmark, Jerry Nelson, Ronald Risa, Todd Risa, Kevin Knudson, Keith Knudson, Paul Anderson, Jeff C. Braegelmann, Barb Buesing, Dean Buesing, Don Buesing, Derek Buesing, Lucas Youngsma – MN DNR, and Shannon Johnson.

Kurt Deter from Rinke Noonan Law Firm discussed the purpose of the preliminary hearing regarding the petition request.

Introductions of people in attendance were made.

Chris Balfany stated that the preliminary hearing notice requirements were met according to statute.

Bill Helget from Bolton and Menk reviewed the engineer's report for the project. A copy of said report is on file at the YMC Land and Resource Management Office in Clarkfield.

There was no DNR Advisory Report for this project.

Jim Weidemann, Viewer, put together a cost benefit study of the project as requested by landowners in the project area. The purpose of the study is to see if the benefits outweigh the cost of the project. Mr. Deter shared that it is unusual to have this information at a preliminary hearing.

Jeff Braegelmann from Gislason & Hunter, representing the Petitioner, indicated that the petition should proceed. He indicated that costs can be different with different materials. The Petitioners have posted a bond and have put money towards costs which have been incurred for the petition.

Chairman Antony opened the hearing for public comment.

Dean Buesing presented three photos to the Board showing ponding of water in the field. He discussed the tile sizes and the coefficient of the system.

Hollis Weber asked when the last time the ditch was cleaned. Ditch Administrator Balfany said the outlet pipe had been replaced which helped with ponding on the Weber land.

Discussion was held regarding possible Redetermination of Benefits, if anything could change with the engineer's report, cost estimates for tile types, sizes and quality, if there is a necessity for any or all of the project, cost of the project, and that most landowners were not in agreement with the petition.

06-26-18-12 Motion by Commissioner Renneke to proceed with the petition request as the following has been met with the exception of B which has been met in part:

- a. The proposed drainage project outlined in the Petition or modified and recommended by the Engineer is feasible, and
- b. There is a necessity for the proposed drainage project, and
- c. The proposed drainage project would be of public benefit and promote the public health, after considering environmental and land use criteria in Minnesota Stat. § 103E.015, subd. 1, and
- d. The outlet is adequate.

Chairman Antony called for a second to the motion three times. Motion failed for lack of a second.

06-26-18-13 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to proceed with the petition stating the following:

- a. The proposed drainage project outlined in the Petition or modified and recommended by the Engineer is feasible; and
- b. The Preliminary Engineer's Report indicated that only a portion of the drainage area possibly has a necessity for a drainage project as the drainage coefficient for Branch 4 is less than the recommended NRCS drainage coefficient; and
- c. The proposed drainage project would be of public benefit and promote the public health, after considering environmental and land use criteria in Minnesota Stat. § 103E.015, subd. 1; and
- d. The outlet is adequate.

Motion passed with Commissioner Kack, Renneke, Johnson and Antony voting in favor. Commissioner Berends abstained due to a conflict of interest.

06-26-18-14 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to appoint Jim Weidemann, Steve Johnson and Richard Kvols as viewers for the improvement project. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

06-26-18-15 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Bolton and Menk as engineer for the project. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Chairman Antony closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Other Business None

Informational May Jail Report

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

Adjourn 06-26-18-16 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness: 

Ron Antony, Chair

Attest: 

Peggy Heglund, County Administrator

**Yellow Medicine County Board of Appeal and Equalization Minutes
June 26, 2018**

County Board Chair Ron Antony called this Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board of Equalization members present: County Commissioners Ron Antony, John Berends, Glen Kack, Gary Johnson and Property and Public Services Director Janel Timm. Also present were County Assessor Connie Erickson and County Administrator Peggy Heglund.

Oath The County Commissioners each took an oath to fairly and impartially perform their duties as a member of the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

At this time, Commissioner Greg Renneke joined the meeting. He took the Oath of Office and signed the acknowledgement.

Appeals and Equalization Course Certification The members were each asked to sign a certification acknowledging who has attended the mandatory appeals and equalization course training. County Commissioners Ron Antony, John Berends and PPSD Director Janel Timm certified the completion of their training.

06-26-18-01 Connie Erickson presented to the Board an assessor recommendation for Craig Gednalske, his property is located in the City of Granite Falls 34-421-0312. Mr. Gednalske purchased this property in May, 2018; therefore he did not receive a 2018 Notice of Valuation and Classification for this property. Upon an inspection of the property it was determined there was a severe water and mold issue in the basement, as well as extensive damage to the entire 1st floor. Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to reduce the estimated market \$62,500, the adjusted 2018 market value is \$37,400. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Adjourn 06-26-18-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

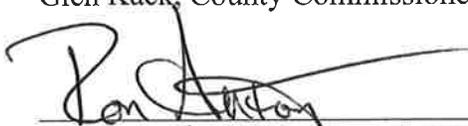
Witness:



Glen Kack, County Commissioner

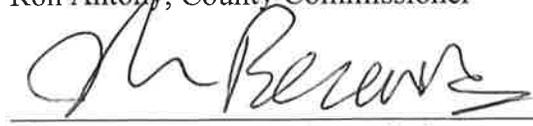
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Peg Heglund, County Administrator

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