

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

June 8, 2004

Chair Jane Remiger called this regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

06-08-04-01 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of an update on investments and additional compensation for interim planning and zoning assistance. Carried.

There was discussion on the minimal 3.2 beer license fees with questions of how Yellow Medicine fees compared to surrounding counties.

06-08-04-02 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to have the Auditor/Treasurer investigate license fees charged by other counties and recommend any fee changes to the Board. Carried.

06-08-04-03 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of the May 25, 2004 regular meeting and the 3.2 beer licenses as presented. Carried.

Under Board reports, Mr. Sherlin discussed Area II activities. Mr. Johnson attended an Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) regional meeting, a Pioneerland Library technology meeting, an Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) strategic planning meeting, and a Region 6W Community Corrections meeting. Ms. Remiger attended the AMC regional meeting and a museum meeting. Mr. Antony reported on the Cooperative Efforts Committee.

State Representative Aaron Peterson updated the Board on the recent legislative session. He believed terms had been dictated by strictly partisan politics. He was now awaiting word of a possible special session.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Director, presented a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application from Alfred Jessen for a total confinement hog barn. The Planning Commission was recommending approval with the four conditions presented. Several calls in opposition to the facility had been received. Mr. Antony moved that an additional condition be added requiring spreading of manure no closer than 500 feet from a dwelling. There was no second. Additional comments were added by Jeff Lopez on how manure should be incorporated into the soil.

06-08-04-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Anderson to grant the CUP to Mr. Jessen with the following conditions:

1. Two rows of fast growing trees must be planted, at a minimum, on the north side of the barn. Trees must be planted in accordance with the setbacks set forth by MNDOT and the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department, dated May 27, 2004 and June 1, 2004, respectively. Tree variety shall be determined by the Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District. Trees must be planted within one year of construction completion.
 2. The tract of land the feedlot is located on shall not be subdivided to less than 40 acres.
 3. Shall use any available technology, if cost effective, to control odor, if deemed a nuisance.
 4. Applicant shall notify the Yellow Medicine County Zoning Office upon property transfer.
- Carried.

How long additional compensation for Jolene Johnson should be continued was debated. Mr. Jacobson favored continuing the stipend until his six month evaluation.

06-08-04-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to continue the stipend being paid to Jolene Johnson until Mr. Jacobson's six month evaluation. Carried.

There was some discussion on penalties for zoning violations.

Curt Johnson, Head Custodian, presented two bids received for reroofing the courthouse. Lozinski Construction bid \$64,879 and Heiling Construction bid \$42,000.

06-08-04-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to award the roofing contract to Heiling Construction for \$42,000. Carried.

06-08-04-07 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve an additional appropriation request for \$1,000 to cover the costs of adding phone lines to the emergency operations center. Carried.

Ms. Remiger called for a break at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

06-08-04-08 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to appoint Catherine L. Thomas to a five-year term as commissioner on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Yellow Medicine County effective June 15, 2004 through June 14, 2009. Carried.

Mr. Chattin updated the Board on union negotiations. Law Enforcement Labor Services two units still need to be completed.

Mr. Chattin was asked to notify Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin that an investment report was anticipated at the next meeting with an update on her efforts to maximize interest income.

Ms. Remiger reviewed some correspondence.

The Board acknowledged, with thanks, the veteran's service van lettering donated by Hazel Coursolle.

Mr. Johnson noted that a squad car had been damaged in a collision with a deer and would be repaired.

Mr. Antony reported that the high-angle rescue team would be making a presentation at the next Board meeting.

06-08-04-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$61,687.12 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$480,739.24. Carried.

06-08-04-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Carried.

Witness:

Jane Remiger, Chair

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer