

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2007

Chairman Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 AM 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, County Auditor-Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick, and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 03-13-07-01 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following additions: Clarkfield Library funding, blighted property in the county and County Administrator work plan. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There was no citizens present to be heard.

Minutes of February 27, 2007 03-13-07-02 Motion by Mr. Wambeke and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007, County Board meeting with the following changes: Item 2-27-07-03 change \$400,000 to \$270,000 and under Mike and Bob Verhelst conditional use permit discussion take out "by a neighbor" and replace with "by another party". Motion carried.

County Attorney Report County Attorney Helgeson had no new updates for the Board.

Appointments to Extension Committee 03-13-07-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to appoint Jamie Irvine, David Stelter, Chuck Hoffman, Reid Merrill and Leiah Smolley to the Yellow Medicine County Extension Committee. Motion carried.

Question on Video Taping County Board Meetings Mr. Wambeke discussed with the Board the possibility of video taping Board meetings and changing Board meetings to evenings. These issues will be discussed at a County strategic planning meeting.

Clarkfield Library Funding for the Clarkfield Library was clarified.

Blighted Property in the County The Board discussed blighted property in the County. No action was taken as the Board felt this was not a County issue.

Commissioner Reports Mr. Sherlin reported on water levels at Lazarus Creek.

MnDOT Report on Highway 59 MnDOT Engineers Dave Trooien and Tom Behm presented the Board with several handouts regarding transportation funding, proposed road improvement projects, highway traffic counts and accidents. Also present for the discussion were two members of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners, Lyon County Administrator Loren Stromberg and RDC Transportation Planner Dawn Hegland. Trooien stated there was a lack of funds to widen shoulders or repave Highway 59 from Clarkfield to Marshall. Trooien encouraged the Board to attend a MnDOT meeting March 30 in Willmar to provide input about Highway 59 for the state transportation plan and to also continue local efforts to support improvements to the highway.

Discussion also took place regarding the condition of the Highway 212 train overpass in Granite Falls. Mr. Trooien stated the bridge was considered to be in good condition by MnDOT and was not scheduled for improvements.

Final Payment R&G for CP 01-74 03-13-07-04 Engineer Andy Sander presented the Board with a final payment resolution for a road project. Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second Mr. Johnson to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County Project C.P. 01-74 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 R&G Construction Company in the amount of \$8,693.80 for the final contract amount totaling \$166,086.07. Motion carried.

Engineer Sander discussed with the Board that he was still in the process of putting together a cost estimate for the demolition of the Thoma house and looking at the possible salvage of anything in the house. Discussion also took place regarding burning a house in Clarkfield and the County Road 24 project in Clarkfield.

Commissioner Reports Mr. Johnson reported on nutrition site updates, extension committee, Circle Sentencing program, SWCD Workgroup and the Upper Minnesota Valley RDC renewable energy and grant writer meeting. Ms. Remiger reported on the upcoming AMC legislative meeting. Mr. Wambeke reported on Circle Sentencing, services for Upper Sioux children, pre-placement screenings and the Tri-County Library.

A finance committee meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

County Administrator Work Plan The Board discussed the County Board meeting agenda and process with Administrator Krosch. The Board requested meeting packets be sent out by Wednesday of the week before the next Board meeting.

Approve Payment of Claims 03-13-07-05 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$78,473.08 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$8,322.36. Motion carried.

Other Business There was no other business brought before the Board.

Adjourn 03-13-07-06 Motion by Mr. Wambeke and second by Ms. Remiger to adjourn at 11:40 A.M. Motion carried.

Witness:

Ron Antony, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer