

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

March 14, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:05 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent arrived shortly after the meeting started.

**03-14-06-01** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a \$25 membership, to the King of Trails Scenic Byway, to the consent agenda and to approve the consent agenda including the February 28, 2006 regular meeting minutes and the membership. Carried.

Mr. Antony reported on a meeting with an architect to consider options for county buildings and a Canby EDA meeting where Big Stone transmission line representatives were present. Ms. Remiger gave updates on Prairie County RC&D and a trails meeting. Mr. Johnson covered a Fatal Review Committee, Yellow Medicine Task Force, Extension Committee, and Region 6W Community Corrections meetings.

County Attorney Tom Kramer and Assistant County Attorney Keith Helgeson presented a Worthless Check Program Agreement. Mr. Helgeson reviewed how the new process would differ from the current one.

**03-14-06-02** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the Worthless Check Program Agreement as presented. Carried.

It was noted that informational meetings on the new process would be held with merchants in April.

Jane Hennagir, MCIT Account Executive, presented the 2006 MCIT Member Report to the Board. There was additional discussion on coverage for various County entities and affiliated entities.

Sheriff Bill Flaten presented some hiring recommendations.

**03-14-06-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to hire Erik Knutson as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. Carried.

**03-14-06-04** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to hire Lisa Benson as a full-time Corrections Officer. Carried.

Sheriff Flaten will have recommendations for Court Security staff at the next meeting. He also discussed applying for a Motorola grant for radio repeaters.

Recorder Kay Zemple reported that fees are up substantially over last year, due to the increased fees mandated by the legislature. There is also new meth house documentation that they are dealing with. She noted that they are exploring the possibility of moving their counter to the hallway and that Deputy Recorders still have unresolved questions over the Springsted study. It was noted that the final report was not yet complete and appeals could not be made until there are approved documents to consider.

Liz Auch, Countryside Public Health Administrator, reviewed a letter she sent to the Department of Human Services over the distribution of vaccine. She reviewed two handouts on preparing for emergencies and her 2006 Commissioners Report.

**03-14-06-05** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed Mileage Credit and Load Factor Formula for providing ranking priority of public transit systems for bus acquisition through MnDOT District 8 Area Transportation Plan (ATP) for placement in the State Transportation Investment Plan STIP; and

**WHEREAS**, because of competition for a limited number of buses, certain data from transit systems in MnDOT District 8 will be applied to the existing Bus Ranking Formula and to the proposed Load Factor Formula and the Mileage Credit Formula and the results used to compare one transit system to another for ranking to determine which transit systems will get buses in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Prairie Five CAC, Inc. has a transit system from which its data will be applied to the Load Factor and Mileage Credit for comparison to other transit systems for ranking for determination of bus acquisition from District 8 ATP; and

**WHEREAS**, when Prairie Five CAC, Inc.'s data for its transit system is applied to the Load Factor and Mileage Credit Formulas because of the demographics of the service area, the transit system's structure, and the transit system's definition and classification according to the formulas relative to other transit systems in District 8, Prairie Five CAC, Inc.'s transit system will be unable to compete with other transit systems for future bus procurement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners do not support adoption and application of the proposed Load Factor Formula and Mileage Credit Formula in their present forms without changes and adjustments that will allow Prairie Five CAC, Inc.'s transit system to compete with other transit systems in the bus procurement process.

Carried.

**03-14-06-06** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve a \$500 sponsorship for 2006 Meander, out of EDA budgeted funds, and to include Meander in future County budgets. Carried, with Mr. Antony voting no.

**03-14-06-07** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the revised 2006 Pay Plan Implementation Schedule as presented. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on meetings of the Entrepreneur's Assistance Network and Area II River Basin Projects.

Engineer Andy Sander and General Foreman Larry Stoks were present to discuss an employee issue. There is additional information that must be obtained, and another meeting with the union held, before any actions can be recommended or taken.

Mr. Anderson reviewed some correspondence and reported on a solid waste meeting, Yellow Medicine Task Force, and Countryside Public Health.

**03-14-06-08** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$69,340.54 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$68,661.36. Carried.

There was discussion on the investment schedule. It was suggested that the Finance Committee consider the schedule at their next meeting.

**03-14-06-09** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adjourn at 12:46 PM. Carried.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer