

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

March 22, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present. Dick Jepson of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived at 11:09 a.m.

03-22-05-01 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of a consumption and display permit for the Canby Golf Club, to the consent agenda, and moving Michelle Gatz to the end of the meeting. Carried.

03-22-05-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of the March 8, 2005 regular meeting minutes, setting of bid letting date/times for four highway projects, and the Canby Golf Club consumption and display permit. Carried.

Mr. Anderson reported on the Labor Management Committee (LMC), Upper Sioux Community Task Force, Drug Task Force, Tri-County Law Library, and a methamphetamine presentation given in Swift County. Mr. Antony added comments on the LMC. Ms. Remiger discussed the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, a Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) annual meeting, and an AMC Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Jail Administrator Kathy Busack presented a request for digital recording equipment.

03-22-05-03 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve an additional appropriation, out of canteen funds, of \$7,613 for digital video recording and audio monitoring equipment from Reliance Telephone, Inc. Carried.

A potential jail expansion was reviewed. A preliminary estimate for construction is \$650,000. Ms. Busack was asked to obtain a quote from the architect on costs to prepare plans and specifications that could be used to bid the project.

A request to sell, by bids, damaged foosball and air hockey tables was approved.

03-22-05-04 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve advertising for a full-time Corrections Officer to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. Carried.

Mr. Johnson reported on township annual meetings, a Clarkfield Lyons Club presentation, the Upper Sioux Community Task Force, a National Incident Management Systems Seminar, and UMVRDC. He also commented on a DARE commentary in the Granite Falls paper.

Mr. Sherlin commented on a DAC meeting he attended.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 12:42 a.m.

03-22-05-05 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to approve an additional appropriation request, from county surpluses, of \$500 to sponsor Meander 2005. Carried.

03-22-05-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt Policy 207 – Performance Evaluations as presented. Carried.

03-22-05-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt an amendment to the County's AIG Valic deferred compensation plan eliminating mandatory distribution provisions. Carried.

03-22-05-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve

Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$49,648.67 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$45,510.17. Carried.

03-22-05-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the purchase of, and additional appropriation for, a NEC LT245 digital projector for \$1,675.00, plus tax. Carried.

Jane Hennagir, Account Representative, and Robyn Sykes, Executive Director, of MCIT reviewed the 2005 member report.

Deborah Durkin, with the Minnesota Department of Health's Methamphetamine Program, presented a PowerPoint on the many aspects of meth. Amy Roggenbuck, with Countryside Public Health, also assisted Ms. Durkin. Several comments were made and questions asked. Ms. Durkin advocated for meth task forces and ordinances in all counties.

Mr. Johnson excused himself at 3:00 p.m. to attend a ditch hearing.

Attorney Tom Kramer commented on increasing Assistant Attorney Keith Helgeson's hours to 40 hours a week and the additional hours that will be needed during Assistant Attorney Amanda Sieling's maternity leave. He distributed a handout that will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Sherlin had to leave at 3:11 p.m. to fulfill other commitments.

Michelle Gatz, VSO/Emergency Management, updated the Board on emergency management funding, training, FEMA grants, and possible VA medical funding cuts.

03-22-05-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer