

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2024**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Glen Kack and John Berends also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 03-26-24-01** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove U of M Extension presentation, remove hiring of a part-time Administrative Specialist (Family Services) and add Personnel Committee review to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 03-26-24-02** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 12, 2024 County Board meeting minutes; 2023 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report; 3-month Tobacco License for Dollar General in Clarkfield; hiring of Brianna Chatterton as a Social Worker, her salary will be grade 13, step 1, her start date is TBD; termination of employment for Matthew Miguel, Assistant Custodian; replace Assistant Custodian position; advertise for seasonal Highway/Parks positions. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 03-26-24-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$10,626.27 Ditch Fund, \$35,639.61 Revenue Fund, \$30,339.69 Road & Bridge Fund, \$128,699.06 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 Antony reported on Pact for Families, Township annual meeting, Workforce Council, Minnesota Machinery Museum, Counties Providing Technology, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority and Emergency Communication Board Finance meeting. Commissioner Kling reported on Township annual meeting, Restorative Justice Advisory Council and Pioneerland Library System. Commissioner Renneke reported on meeting with DNR, meeting regarding potential property transaction and Personnel Committee. Commissioner Kack reported on Department Head meeting and meeting regarding potential property transaction. Commissioner Berends reported on meeting with DNR, Countryside Public Health, Personnel Committee and Area Transportation Partnership.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

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

**Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation 03-26-24-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to proclaim May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**On-Call Pay 03-26-24-05** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to increase the Social Service Supervisor (Children's Unit) on-call pay to \$4,000 per year. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administrator Steinbach reviewed the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Regional Park designation application process.

The board recessed for break at 10:35 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Midge Christianson, Morgan Ironheart and Robert Wolfington presented information on the Rural Recovery and Prevention project.

**Close Meeting 03-26-24-06** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to close the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss the possible purchase of property. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance Manager Dana Homan, County Attorney Mark Gruenes, Assistant County Engineer Dan Moravetz and Human Resources Manager Ashley Soine. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Open Meeting 03-26-24-07** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

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

**Adjourn 03-26-24-08** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling to adjourn at 12:31 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator