

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 03-28-23-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda with the following change: remove demolition quote for tax forfeited property from Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 03-28-23-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 14, 2023 County Board meeting minutes; advertise three seasonal positions (2 Highway and 1 Parks); Enterprise Lease Quote for Maintenance Department; hiring of Matt Miguel as a full-time Assistant Custodian, his salary will be grade 4, step 2, his start date is TBD. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 03-28-23-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$37,823.88 Ditch Fund, \$41,419.42 Revenue Fund, \$34,500.99 Road & Bridge Fund, \$92,076.18 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.

Commissioner Renneke joined the meeting.

Jenny Knutson, Social Service Supervisor, was introduced to the board.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Kack reported on Western Mental Health Center and Joint Ditch meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Joint Ditch meeting, DNR meeting, Southern Prairie Community Care and Yellowstone Trail. Commissioner Renneke reported on Joint Ditch meeting, DNR meeting and Solid Waste meeting. Commissioner Kling reported on Soil and Water Conservation District, Historical Society, Water Task Force, Joint Ditch meeting, U of M Extension and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Commissioner Antony reported on Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Chemical Health Coalition, Counties Providing Technology, Joint Ditch meeting, Pioneerland Library System, Solid Waste meeting, Workforce Center and Public Safety Committee meeting.

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, gave an update.

Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation 03-28-23-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to proclaim May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Abatement Request 03-28-23-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to decline to participate in the proposed tax abatement for the 2023 Street Reconstruction Project in the City of Hanley Falls. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 9:57 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

Scott Roemhildt and Ann Pierce, MN DNR, gave a presentation.

Tobacco Ordinance 03-28-23-06 John Rehorst, Countryside Public Health, discussed the Yellow Medicine County Tobacco Ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the version as presented and set the public hearing date for May 9, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany and Jolene Johnson, Land and Resource Management, gave an update.

County Assessor Connie Erickson presented eight Assessment Contracts for signature as they were previously approved by the board. The Contracts were for City of St. Leo, City of Porter, Township of Wergeland, Township of Tyro, Township of Lisbon, Township of Hammer, Township of Florida and Township of Burton.

Three abatement requests were tabled until a future board meeting.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

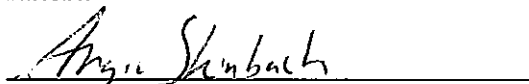
Adjourn 03-28-23-07 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kling to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Glen Kack, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator