

## Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

May 25, 2004

Chair Jane Remiger called this regular meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

**05-25-04-01** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**05-25-04-02** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the May 11, 2004 minutes. Carried.

There were some questions on the transfer of the golf course liquor license.

**05-25-04-03** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the transfer of a liquor license for the golf course without a fee, providing the license period is unchanged, and to approve the additional appropriation requests as presented. Carried.

Ms. Remiger started the Commissioner Board and Committee reports with updates on Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, the Historical Society, Museum Board, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, and Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA). She also shared some correspondence. Mr. Antony attended Labor Management and Safety Committee meetings. Mr. Anderson reported on Southwest Regional Solid Waste, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, and Countryside Public Health. Mr. Johnson reported on the Family Services volunteer banquet, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC), Area Agencies on Aging, Pioneerland Library, and Prairie V.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Ditch Inspector John Kolhei explained two additional appropriation requests.

**05-25-04-04** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the ditch additional appropriation request as presented. Carried.

**05-25-04-05** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Clarkfield building additional appropriation request as presented. Carried.

Timm Park development, including water availability, was discussed. Mr. Chattin will contact Myron Hagelstrom, Parks Supervisor, to have him contact Prairie County RC&D about any possible grants for adding water to the park. It was hoped that Mr. Hagelstrom could also propose additional improvements to the park.

Possible HRA board members will be proposed at the next board meeting.

Ms. Remiger recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

Kathy Busack, Jail Administrator, presented a meal services contract with Aramark FHC Correctional Services, LLC for renewal. Terms of the contract remain the same with a new term of May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005.

**05-25-04-06** Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the contract renewal with Aramark. Carried.

**05-25-04-07** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve advertising for a part-time Correctional Officer. Carried.

There was discussion on the need to revisit space utilization within the jail. A meeting will be set up soon to consider possible alternatives.

Ms. Remiger mentioned a meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> with the Upper Sioux Community to discuss cooperative law enforcement services. Ms. Remiger and Mr. Chattin will try to attend.

**05-25-04-08** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the Highway AFSCME contract extension as presented. Carried.

The Board asked that County Attorney Tom Kramer be available at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to update the Board on various issues.

Mr. Chattin noted that the Jesse Larson unemployment appeal has been denied.

Mr. Johnson commented on the low investment returns the County is earning. Mr. Chattin noted that the new investment policy was adopted to promote higher interest rates and laddering of CDs.

**05-25-04-09** Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Antony to direct the Auditor/Treasurer to actively pursue higher interest rates and report on her activities to the Board on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

**05-25-04-10** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$80,721.23 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$13,450.20. Carried.

Mr. Chattin was asked to have revenue reports included with expense reports in the future.

Engineer John Johnson and Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub were present to open the five bids received for the CSAH 4 project. Bids were opened and taken for verification.

Proposed easement payments for the CSAH 4 project were reviewed. There were several questions on easements, in general. An updated living snow fence policy, closely aligned with MnDOT's policy, was reviewed.

**05-25-04-11** Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the Living Snow Fence Policy as presented. Carried.

**05-25-04-12** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve hiring Myron Busse, Scott Erickson, and Tyler Santjer as temporary summer help in the Highway Department as proposed. Carried.

**05-25-04-13** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to accept the low bid of \$1,216,248.07 from McLaughlin and Schulz, Inc. for the CSAH 4 project; also known as S.A.P. 87-604-16. Carried.

Curt Johnson, Head Custodian, was present to answer Board questions on several building issues, i.e. emergency power, temperature changes, and a leaking roof.

**05-25-04-14** Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

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Jane Remiger, Chair

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer