

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 26, 2020**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke and Gary Johnson also present via teleconference. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson (via teleconference), Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference), West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 05-26-20-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the following change: remove Letter of Support for the 2020 Federal Build Grant for Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Modernization Project from the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Glen Kack joined the meeting.

**Consent Agenda 05-26-20-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: May 12, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; May 15, 2020 Emergency Board meeting minutes; Workforce Development Area #6 Southwest Minnesota Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; consideration of permanent status for employee; approve the quote from Ethan Weber Construction LLC in the amount of \$5,808 to finish the salt shed roof at the Clarkfield Highway shop (no other quotes were received). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 05-26-20-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$19,492.05 Ditch Fund, \$71,063.01 Revenue Fund, \$109,708.66 Road & Bridge Fund, \$40,772.95 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 Kack reported on May 15, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, Western Mental Health Center and Fair Board. Commissioner Antony reported on May 15, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, ad hoc COVID-19 meetings, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Counties Providing Technology, JD 21 meeting and JD 91 meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on May 15, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, Parks Committee, old Clarkfield school update, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, Prairie Five and Prairie Lakes Youth Program. Commissioner Renneke reported on May 15, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, Parks Committee, JD 21, JD 8 and JD 91. Commissioner Berends reported on May 15, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, ad hoc COVID-19 meetings, Department Head meeting, Countryside Public Health Regular Meeting, Countryside Public Health Emergency Meeting, Community Emergency Management meetings, JD 8, JD 21, Historical Society and Recycling Site 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 Service Center, gave an update.

The board discussed temporary remote workers. The consensus was that all workers will return to the office at a time to be determined by the Department Head.

The board recessed for break at 10:55 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

**Prosecution Services for the City of Wood Lake 05-26-20-04** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Agreement for Prosecution Services with the City of Wood Lake from June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at the rate of \$100 per hour. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**May 15 Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver Requests 05-26-20-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the requests from Canby Inn & Suites, Randy P. Kamrath, LLC and TOL, LLC for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #17-2020 05-26-20-06** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #17-2020 which sets the tax forfeited public auction date as June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Government Center Board Room. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Subordination of AgBMP Assessment Lien 05-26-20-07** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve subordination of AgBMP assessment lien to new mortgage by Great Western Bank for Greg and Amy Manning. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed the County recycling site in Granite Falls.

**Recycling Bins 05-26-20-08** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to relocate the Granite Falls recycling bins to the Granite Falls Highway Shop with the exact location to be determined. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Recycling Service 05-26-20-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to temporarily remove the recycling bins for two weeks from the current Granite Falls location until an exact location can be determined at the Granite Falls Highway Shop. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

### **Conditional Use Permit Request YM-603-20, R and G Construction 05-26-20-10**

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-603-20 for R and G Construction, Marshall, MN, to operate a gravel pit, an extractive use, in the Rural Preservation Management District. The site is located in the northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 29 in Sandnes Township T-114-N R-40-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section 6.0, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for extractive uses in the Rural Preservation Management District.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-603-20 for R and G Construction with the following conditions:

1. A DNR Water Appropriations Permit must be obtained if pit dewatering exceeds 10,000 gallons per day or 1,000,000 gallons per year.
2. The site shall be reclaimed according to Section XXI of the YMC Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance and the reclamation plan as submitted by the applicant.
3. Applicant shall repair and maintain the township road to satisfactory condition as required by the Township Board.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Conditional Use Permit Request YM-604-20, Trevor and Shelly Reiten 05-26-20-11**

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-604-20 for Trevor and Shelly Reiten, Hutchinson, MN, to construct a non-farm dwelling in Rural Preservation Area #3. The site is located in the southeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of Section 15 in Wood Lake Township T-114-N R-39-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for non-farm dwellings in Rural Preservation Areas #1-4.

Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-604-20 for Trevor and Shelly Reiten with the following conditions:

1. Because this non-farm dwelling is located in the Rural Preservation Management District, the owner/occupant will be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area.
2. Soil erosion control measures shall be in place during construction if sediment could reach Wood Lake.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed future board meetings and decided to continue with the virtual meetings at this time for regular meetings. The June 3, 2020 budget work session will be in-person for the Commissioners with the option for others to join in remotely.

Casey Namken, Emergency Manager, gave an update on COVID-19.

Administrator Steinbach gave an update on the Pandemic Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee will meet on an as-needed basis at this time.

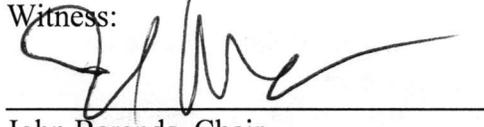
**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

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

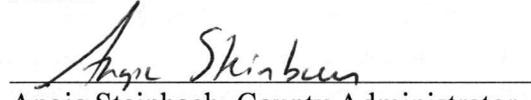
**Adjourn 05-26-20-12** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



John Berends, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator