

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008**

Chairman Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington.

Approve Agenda 5-27-08-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add tobacco license for Joey's Greendoor Steakhouse and Sports Bar and approval of a FT Dispatcher/Jailer position to the consent agenda; add the purchase of two tandem trucks to department reports; add Canby Sportsman Club lease and household hazardous waste collections to other business. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 5-27-08-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the May 13, 2008, County Board meeting; re-appoint Leona Smith to the Social Services Agency Board; Resolution 19-2008 – appoint data practices responsible authority and compliance official; Resolution 20-2008 – copy fees for data requests; Clean Water Partnership letter of support and in-kind contribution; appointment of Donald Bradley as at FT Dispatcher/Jailer; tobacco license for Joey's Greendoor Steakhouse and Sports Bar from 5/27/08 to 6/30/08. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments: None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on Pioneerland Library, RDC and Prairie Waters. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Finance Committee, county museum, business retention program and RC&D. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Finance Committee and Safety Committee. Commissioner Antony reported Pioneerland Library and the business retention program.

Department/Agency Reports:

County Engineer Andy Sander gave an update on the highway department projects.

Purchase Trucks 5-27-08-03 Engineer Sander presented the cost to replace two tandem trucks with plow equipment and boxes and the trade-in value for units 36 and 29. The cost for the new trucks came from state bid process. The replacement of the two trucks is in the 2008 budget. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the purchase of two 7600 International 6x4 trucks with plow equipment and boxes at a total cost of \$291,250.00. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke and Remiger voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

Regular Agenda:

Entrepreneur's Network Cecilia Alvarez with the Entrepreneur's Network gave a presentation to the Board.

Veteran's TBI Project VSO Michelle Gatz explained a grant project she was working on to provide traumatic brain injury (TBI) services for veterans.

John Citrowske Turkey Barn Conditional Use 5-27-08-04 County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-481-08 for John Citrowske, Clarkfield, to construct a confinement turkey feedlot consisting of three barns, one 76' x 344' brooder building and two 64' x 1,056' grower to finisher buildings, which will house a total of 72,500 turkeys (980 animal units). Manure storage will consist of a manure pack on the compacted clay floor of the buildings. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District in part of the northwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter (NW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 28 in Tyro Township T-115-N R-42-W. The Planning Commission had no conditions in their recommendation. Zoning Administrator Jacobson recommended to the Board a possible condition regarding the subdivision of this land. Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve conditional use permit YM-481-08 for John Citrowske with the following condition:

1: This feedlot, if subdivided, must be located on a tract of land not less than 40 acres or on a tract of land with an average county market value not less than \$40,000.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Buffalo Ridge Power Partners Meteorological Towers Conditional Use 5-27-08-05 County Zoning Administrator Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit YM-479-08 for Buffalo Ridge Power Partners, LLC, Schenectady, NY; to construct a one hundred ninety-seven foot (197') meteorological tower in the north one-half (N ½) of Section 20 and a two hundred sixty-three foot (263') meteorological tower in the northwest one-quarter (NW ¼) of Section 9 in Fortier Township T-114-N R-46-W. The property is located in the Rural Preservation Management District. There were no conditions recommended. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve conditional use permit YM 479-08 for Buffalo Ridge Power Partners, LLC. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Dennis Healy, Mitch Kling and Norris Peterson with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) presented the LPRW 2007 Annual Audit Report.

Boat and Water Grant 5-27-08-06 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented a DNR grant to purchase a new boat, motor and trailer for water safety and rescue. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to accept the grant award of \$18,904 and approve the purchase of a boat, motor and trailer at a cost of \$18,904 with the purchase to be made as an auditor's warrant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Radio Board Joint Powers Agreement Sheriff Flaten and the Board discussed a joint powers agreement for the Southwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board. No action was taken on the agreement at this time.

Replacement of Retiring Deputy 5-27-08-07 Sheriff Flaten informed the Board that Deputy Sheriff Ozmun will be retiring June 30. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve advertising for a full-time deputy sheriff to replace Deputy Ozmun's position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Sign for Museum 5-27-08-08 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve a budget amendment of \$300 in expenditures for a new sign for the Yellow Medicine County Museum. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Levy Limits The Board discussed the levy limits put in place by the state legislature this year.

Other Business:

Canby Sportsman Club Lease The Board discussed drafting a lease with the Canby Sportsman Club for their shooting range at the county fair grounds.

Household Hazard Waste Collection The Board discussed household hazardous waste collections in Canby and Clarkfield.

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 5-27-08-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$60,952.27 Revenue Fund, \$9,186.45 Road and Bridge Fund, \$977.90 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational The Board reviewed a letter from the Minnesota Department of Veteran's Affairs regarding benefits received by veterans in the county.

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

Adjourn 5-27-08-10 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

Louis Sherlin, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer