

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2007**

Chairman Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.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 05-08-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the agenda with the following additions: HRA Board appointment under the Regular Agenda, ITV Resolution under County Attorney Report, Interview Committees under Regular Agenda, and remove Consent Agenda Item #7 from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda 05-08-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the April 24, 2007, County Board meeting; amend Labor Management Committee operating guidelines; amend Finance Committee operating guidelines; policy amendment – weather related closings; resolution to accept gifts for Fair Board Association; approval of April 26, 2007 County Board special meeting minutes; additional appropriations request of \$12,265 in additional expenditures; and Farm Flex letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments There was no citizens present to be heard.

Commissioner Reports Commissioner Wambeke reported on the HRA Board, Tri-County Law Library, Family Service County Based Purchasing and Finance Committee. Commissioner Remiger reported on the Machinery Museum and AMC Legislative Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on a meeting with the Upper Sioux Community to discuss road issues, MnRAA and SWCD. Commissioner Sherlin reported on an upcoming Area II meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Corrections.

Department Reports Connie Erickson, County Assessor, updated the board on the 2007 assessment. The approximate assessed value of the county is about \$1.3 billion with approximately 80% being agriculture, 17% residential and 3% commercial.

ITV Resolution 05-08-07-03 Keith Helgeson, County Attorney, presented a resolution supporting ITV use. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the Yellow Medicine County Board's belief that the Criminal Rules Committee proposed ITV rules are overly restrictive and would cause delay in court appearances and increased transportation and staff costs, which monies could be better spent improving underlying socioeconomic problems thereby reducing the need for jail cells in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Board believes that an increased use of ITV procedures not only would be cost-effective, but would treat individuals charged with crimes in a fair and timely manner, regardless of individuals' socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Board believes that ITV should be used for various court appearances without restricting the physical location of the parties and discretion left with the District

Courts and parties for the use of ITV in other court hearings; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Supreme Court adopt ITV rules that allow for the use of ITV in a common sense manner consistent with public needs while maintaining the constitutional rights of individuals. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Krosch, County Administrator, presented the Board with his administrator's report.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events. Administrator Krosch noted the following additional meetings not on the agenda: AFSCME meeting May 14, MCIT Review June 7 and a cancellation of the May 17 Safety Committee meeting. Administrator Krosch also informed the Board that he and Engineer Andy Sander have been invited to a meeting with the Upper Sioux Community to discuss road issues on June 12. Since June 12 is a County Board meeting day, the Board asked Krosch to invite the Upper Sioux to attend the County Board meeting.

Regular Agenda:

RDC Grant Writer and Renewable Energy Programs The Board discussed the need for a grant writer and the possibility of sharing a grant writer with other counties through the UMRDC. The Board took no action and will wait to see a proposal from the UMRDC.

Minutes on Ag Museum Budget 05-08-07-04 The Board discussed the difference in the 2007 Ag Museum budget as compared to the Fair Board and County Historical Society budgets. The Ag Museum Budget was given an additional \$1,000 for its 2007 budget. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to amend the 2007 budget by appropriating an additional \$1,000 to the County Historical Society and to the County Fair Board for 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Fees 05-08-07-05 The Board reviewed proposed changes to the off-sale beer license and on-sale temporary beer license and the addition of an off-sale liquor license. The Board took no action on the proposed fee changes until a hearing could be set for the off-sale beer license. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to advertise for a public hearing on June 12. Motion carried unanimously.

HRA Board Appointment 05-08-07-06 The Board received a request from the County HRA Acting Director David Hendrickson to reappoint Ivan Anderson to another five year term effective June 15, 2007. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Ivan Anderson to a five-year term to the County HRA Board effective June 15, 2007.

Interview Committees The Board discussed with Administrator Krosch who would be involved with the interview committees for the Chief Deputy Auditor position and Restorative Justice Coordinator position.

Informational The Board reviewed the April 2007 financial reports.

The Board discussed having department managers notify Commissioners when they are gone overnight for conferences and longer vacations. The Board agreed to have department managers notify County Administrator Krosch rather than the County Board.

Approve Payment of Claims 05-08-07-07 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented for the following amounts: \$46,040.24 Revenue Fund, \$42,253.48 Road and Bridge Fund, and \$392.45 Ditch Fund;

and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$28,918.70. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

County Board Strategic Planning Session The Board and Administrator Krosch went through a board self-evaluation exercise. The purpose of the evaluation is to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the board, discuss the goals accomplished in the prior year and to develop board goals for the coming year. A summary of the evaluation exercise will be compiled for the Board to review and discuss.

Chairman Antony recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m. for lunch and reconvened the meeting in the Law Enforcement Center Meeting Room at 1:00 p.m. with county department managers present.

County Strategic Planning Session The Board and county department managers went through a strategic planning session and exercise. The purpose of the strategic planning session was to help with budget development, capital improvements planning and to identify county issues, wants and needs. A summary of the strategic planning session will be compiled for the Board and department managers to review and discuss.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

Adjourn 05-08-07-08 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Witness:

Ron Antony, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer