

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2025**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda 11-18-25-01** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 11-18-25-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the consent agenda item as follows: November 4, 2025 County Board meeting minutes; resignation of Stephanie Edwards, Social Worker; replace Social Worker position; resignation of Tom Hansen, part-time Assistant Custodian; replace part-time (19 hours/week) Assistant Custodian position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments None**

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 11-18-25-03** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$61,686.28 Ditch Fund, \$57,649.75 Revenue Fund, \$32,001.31 Road & Bridge Fund, \$42,986.89 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 Antony reported on Counties Providing Technology, State Radio Board, Parks Committee, 6W Community Corrections and union negotiations. Commissioner Kling reported on union negotiations and Pioneerland Library System. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack reported on Western Mental Health Center and Area II/RCRCA. Commissioner Berends reported on Countryside Public Health and PrimeWest Health.

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.

**Purchase of Service Agreements 11-18-25-04** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements with Yellow Medicine East School District, Echo Charter School District, Canby School District and Lakeview School District for the transportation of children and youth in foster care placement beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Project Turnabout 11-18-25-05** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the 2026 Host County Purchase of Service Contract with Project Turnabout for Detoxification and Care Coordination Supervision Services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Western Mental Health Center 11-18-25-06** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the 2026 Purchase of Service Contracts with Western Mental Health Center as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Greater Minnesota Family Services 11-18-25-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the 2026 Purchase of Services Contract Agreement with Greater Minnesota Family Services for family-based counseling services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chue Yang, Lead Project Developer with Nextera, gave a presentation.

**Resolution #30-2025 11-18-25-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #30-2025 which supports and agrees to sponsor the City of Hanley Falls pursuit of 2025 Local Road Improvement Program funding from MnDOT for construction of city street improvement project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**LPRW Appointment Resolution #31-2025 11-18-25-09** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #31-2025 which recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Joseph Weber, and Scott Wassink be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2026 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2029. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Extension Committee Appointment 11-18-25-10** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to appoint Rhonda Weidert to the U of M Extension Committee for another three-year appointment beginning January 1, 2026. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing 11-18-25-11** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to set the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing for December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, gave a budget update.

**Meeting Time Change 11-18-25-12** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to move the December 2, 2025 board meeting start time to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Board Meeting Dates 11-18-25-13** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to move the board meeting dates to the first and third Tuesday of each month starting in January 2026. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Berends and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Kling voting against.

**Close Meeting 11-18-25-14** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to close the meeting at 10:49 a.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance Manager Dana Homan and Human Resources Manager Ashley Soine. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Open Meeting 11-18-25-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Good Friday Holiday Hours 11-18-25-16** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to remove the half day Good Friday holiday hours from the Personnel Policy and exchange those hours for Personal Leave hours (pro-rated based on weekly hourly schedule). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None


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

**Adjourn 11-18-25-17** Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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John Berends, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator