

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2007**

Chairman Ron Antony 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 11-27-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 11-27-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the November 13, 2007, County Board meeting; two contracts for deed to purchase property for the Prairie Lakes Youth Programs under a joint powers agreement; revised County performance evaluation forms; resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign claims; additional appropriation requests totaling \$27,907.43 in revenue and \$27,907.43 in expenditures; FIRST grant letter of support. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There were no citizens present to be heard.

Commissioners Reports Commissioner Sherlin did not have any reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Restorative Justice and the Clarkfield Industrial Park road. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MVRRA, County Historical Society and MN River Board. Commissioner Wambeke reported on Restorative Justice and CEE-6 Drug Task Force. Commissioner Antony reported on the SW Regional Solid Waste Board and Rural MN Energy Board.

Department/Agency Reports County Ditch Inspector John Kohlei updated the Board on county ditches and presented a quote for a new sidewalk at the Clarkfield office building. The sidewalk project will be added to the 2008 budget.

Regular Agenda:

County Museum 11-27-07-03 Administrator Krosch recommended a committee be created to look at options for relocating the county museum. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to appoint Commissioner Remiger, Commissioner Antony, Administrator Krosch and three members of the Historical Society Board to a county museum committee. Motion carried.

Prairie Waters Dawn Hegland with Prairie Waters CVB met with the Board to discuss Prairie Waters tourism activities and the 2008 funding request.

Solid Waste Service Agreement 11-27-07-04 Paul Henriksen with the Lyon County Environmental Office presented a joint powers agreement for Lyon County to provide solid waste services for Yellow Medicine County until December 31, 2008. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the solid waste program services joint powers agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Designation of Area Agency on Aging 11-27-07-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and

second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board on Aging intends to designate a new Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the Southwest Planning and Service Area (PSA) effective January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) has served in this capacity for the past thirty-three years, and

WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has terminated its participation as a member of the current joint powers agreement between regions 6E, 6W, 8 and 9 known as MnRAAA, and

WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has requested continued participation in the delivery of services by being allowed to partner with the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA, and

WHEREAS, the UMVRDC has established great working relationships with local units of government and service providers within Region 6W.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County supports allowing the UMVRDC to partner with the Land of the Dancing Sky to provide service in Region 6W, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Yellow Medicine County is strongly opposed to the designation of regions 6E, 8 and 9 or any combination of said regions through a joint powers agreement, non-profit or for profit entity as the AAA to provide service in Region 6W. Motion carried.

Squad Car Replacement 11-27-07-06 County Sheriff Bill Flaten presented three quotes for replacing two squad cars budgeted for 2008. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to purchase two 2008 Chevrolet Impala squad cars at a total cost of \$38,442.30 plus setup, parts and accessories with funds coming from the 2008 budget. Motion carried.

Labor Negotiations 11-27-07-07 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to have the County Board meet in closed session in the County Board Room at 3:03 p.m. to discuss labor negotiation strategies and proposals. Motion carried. All five County Board members, County Administrator Krosch and County Attorney Helgeson attended the closed session meeting.

Chairman Antony reopened the regular meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 11-27-07-08 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$23,294.34 Revenue Fund, \$11,141.81 Road and Bridge Fund and \$364.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$80,008.06. Motion carried.

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

Informational: None

Adjourn 11-27-07-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer