

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2011**

Chairman Dick Wambeke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Greg Renneke, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance & Administration Deputy Tegan Laleman, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Steve Browne.

**Approve Agenda 11-08-11-01** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve agenda with the following changes: add 2012 Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant to the consent agenda; add Stony Run/Lisbon Lutheran Cemetery to the regular agenda; remove County Road 17 discussion from the regular agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 11-08-11-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 25, 2011, County Board meeting; Ditch Fund budget amendments totaling \$200,500 in expenditures; Revenue Fund budget amendments totaling \$5,000 in revenues and expenses; 2012 Solid Waste Program Services Joint Powers Agreement with Lyon County; 2012 Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Sherlin reported on the AMC District 6 meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie Five, RDC, Prairie Lakes and 6W Community Corrections. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Ag Museum and Governor's Job Summit. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the AMC District 6 meeting and Southwest 18 Mental Health Board. Commissioner Antony reported on the Southwest Regional Radio Board.

**Department Reports/Program Updates**

**Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA)** RCRCA Director Doug Goodrich updated the Board on the RCRCA projects and budget.

**Highway Department**

**County Road D-2 Electric Line Poles 11-08-11-03** County Engineer Andy Sander was present to discuss a letter County Attorney Helgeson received from Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stroup's attorney regarding the location of Minnesota Valley Cooperative's power poles after the rebuilding of County Road D-2. Mr. and Mrs. Stroup were requesting that the County and Minnesota Valley Cooperative sign the letter agreeing that the power poles will be placed in the County right-of-way and not on Stroup's real estate. Engineer Sander stated that he was in agreement with locating the power poles in the County right-of-way and that Mr. and Mrs. Stroup would need to contact Minnesota Valley Cooperative on their own to find out if they were willing to locate their power poles in the right-of-way also. Attorney Helgeson stated he would send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stroup's attorney stating the County was fine with the poles being placed in the County right-of-way.

**Final Payment Resolutions 11-08-11-04** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #30-2011 accepting completed project S.A.P. 87-599-130 and authorizing final payment to Baker Brothers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$360.00 for the final contract amount totaling \$7,200.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**MnDOT Federal Participation Agreement 11-08-11-05** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Resolution #31-2011, as presented, authorizing the Minnesota Commissioner

of Transportation to be appointed as agent of Yellow Medicine County to accept federal aid funds for eligible transportation related projects and authorizing the County Board Chair and County Auditor to execute MnDOT Agency Agreement No. 99987. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Department Update** Engineer Sander updated the Board on the 2011 and 2012 construction projects.

**Regular Agenda**

**Ownership of the County's Closed Landfill 11-08-11-06** The Board discussed the possible transfer of ownership of the County's closed landfill to MPCA, retaining a portion of the landfill property ownership or keeping all the landfill property under the County's ownership. MPCA stated at a previous Board meeting that the State would be willing to take over ownership of the landfill in an effort to better regulate future development near the site and minimize potential pollution problems. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to transfer ownership of the landfill footprint only to the State of Minnesota and not transfer ownership of any of the identified land management area surrounding the landfill footprint. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Stony Run/Lisbon Lutheran Cemetery 11-08-11-07** Attorney Helgeson presented the Board with information on abandoned or neglected cemeteries. It was brought to Commissioner Johnson's attention that the abandoned Stony Run/Lisbon Lutheran Cemetery was not being maintained by anyone and that farming activities were encroaching on the cemetery property. Attorney Helgeson informed the Board that the State Archeologist is responsible for authenticating the boundaries of cemeteries when they are not recorded and that this cemetery was not recorded with the County Recorder. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to contact the State Archeologist and request they establish the boundaries for the cemetery. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** The Board reviewed the October 2011 investment report.

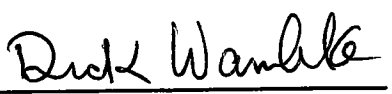
**Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 11-08-11-08** Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$16,004.70 Ditch Fund, \$94,116.80 Revenue Fund, \$27,749.26 Road and Bridge Fund, \$34,359.10 Human Services Fund; and acknowledgement of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

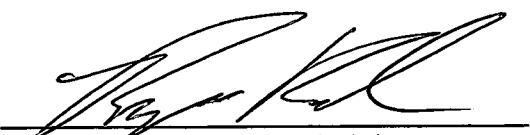
**Adjourn 11-08-11-09** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Dick Wambeke, Chair



Ryan Krosch, County Administrator