

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2021**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 10-12-21-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 10-12-21-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: September 28, 2021 County Board meeting minutes; October 1, 2021 Special Board meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status for employees; hiring of Tom Hansen as a part-time Assistant Custodian, his salary will be grade 4, step 1, his start date is October 13, 2021; resignation of Mary Anderson, Legal Assistant; replace Legal Assistant position; County Fairgrounds Property Management Quarterly Update and Payment Request in the amount of \$1,312.50. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Regular Agenda**

Bill Chukuske, Yellow Medicine County insurance broker, attended virtually to discuss the most recent health insurance RFP process.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield 10-12-21-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and second by Commissioner Kack to approve moving from PEIP to Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**PEIP Termination Letter 10-12-21-04** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to authorize Administrator Steinbach to sign and send a termination letter to PEIP effective December 31, 2021. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2022 VEBA/H.S.A. Contributions 10-12-21-05** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the VEBA and H.S.A. county contributions for 2022 as presented (half of each plan deductible). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 10-12-21-06** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$199,618.50 Ditch Fund, \$58,337.54 Revenue Fund, \$32,083.48 Road & Bridge Fund, \$39,381.90 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 Johnson reported on Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, RTCC meeting, Labor Management Committee meetings and 6W Community Corrections. Commissioner Berends reported on PrimeWest and Yellowstone Trail. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, MCIT conference and MCIT interviews. Commissioner Kack reported on Labor Management Committee meetings, Safe Communities Coalition, Area II/RCRCA and Southwest 18 Adult Mental 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 (continued)**

Laurie Johnson, Minnesota Machinery Museum, gave a presentation.

The board recessed for break at 10:25 a.m.

The board reconvened for break at 10:35 a.m.

Roger Schroeder, Lyon County Environmental Administrator, presented to the board.

**Recycling Collection Services Contracts 10-12-21-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Contract for Recycling Collection Services with Olson Sanitation and West Central Sanitation from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**JPA Renewal for Solid Waste Program Services 10-12-21-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Joint Powers Agreement renewal for Solid Waste Program Services with Lyon County for 2022. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Andy Sander, Highway Department, gave an update.

**Final Payment to R & G Construction 10-12-21-09** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #50-2021 which authorizes the final payment for SAP 087-609-011 in the amount of \$58,545.04 for the final contract amount totaling \$1,170,900.82 to R & G Construction Company. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2022 Camping Reservation Timeline 10-12-21-10** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the 2022 camping reservation timeline as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Pictometry Contract 10-12-21-11** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to renew the Eagleview Pictometry Imagery Service Contract in the amount of \$218,454.80 over six years (\$36,409.13 per year). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Landfill Property Use Agreement 10-12-21-12** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the County Landfill Property Use Agreement with King Richter in the amount of \$90.02 per acre per year from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Resolution #51-2021 10-12-21-13** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #51-2021 which Authorizes Execution of Agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed the upcoming Legal Newspaper Agreements. Staff were directed to contact the two current county newspapers to receive quotes and other information in regards to costs, amount of staff time required to proof ads, etc. Staff will bring that information back to the board at a future board meeting.

Kris Holien, Veterans Service Office, gave an update.

The board discussed the Fairgrounds Housekeeping Services Agreement. This item was tabled to a future board meeting.

The board discussed the 2022 budget.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The board reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator was in attendance to discuss JD 91. The board directed Mr. Balfany to draft and send a letter to Redwood County stating that the County is not interested in joining any legal actions on JD 91.

**Open Public Hearing 10-12-21-14** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to open the public hearing at 1:00 p.m. to set the 2022 ditch levy. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator discussed the 2022 Proposed Ditch Levy.

**Close Public Hearing 10-12-21-15** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the public hearing at 1:09 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**2022 Ditch Levy 10-12-21-16** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the 2022 ditch levy as presented. 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 10-12-21-17** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 1:21 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Gary Johnson, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator