

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes
October 10, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:03 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present.

10-10-06-01 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the agenda with the addition of an update on County Attorney offices, approval of fireworks permit for the Evan Fagen Fly-In to the consent agenda, HRA appointment, feedlot manager discussion, Extension Committee membership, and approval of revised Lason agreement to the consent agenda and to also approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 26, 2006 regular meeting minutes, the Evan Fagen fireworks permit, and the Lason agreement. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects and Prairie Waters and shared a letter from Southwest Insurance Services. Mr. Johnson covered SWCD, Prairie Five CAC, and Region 6W Community Corrections. Mr. Antony gave updates on a Pioneerland Library Policy Committee and Creative Solutions Committee. Ms. Remiger discussed the Minnesota Machinery Museum. Mr. Anderson reported on the Yellow Medicine County Task Force, an HRA public hearing, Region 6W Community Corrections, and shared some correspondence.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, shared a draft wind energy ordinance. He also discussed a request by Lyon County to share a feedlot officer. Lyon County is not a delegated feedlot county and needs to gain that status. They would like to explore a grant to share a feedlot officer that would fund the program for at least two years. Ms. Remiger and Mr. Antony will meet with two Lyon County commissioners and possibly the MPCA to consider the request.

Under citizens to be heard, Dennis Krueger asked for support of his son's towing business by the Sheriff's department.

Head Custodian Curt Johnson discussed several completed projects: the west courthouse door; the Recorder's office window/counter; and foundation repairs. The Board thanked him for his efforts on the Veterans' Memorial. There was also discussion on having kitchen facilities in the basement training room.

10-10-06-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to contribute \$500 to Prairie Five CAC's Reach Out For Warmth campaign. Carried.

10-10-06-03 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to appoint Mr. Antony as a representative and Mr. Anderson as an alternate to the Rural Minnesota Energy Board. Carried.

10-10-06-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to appoint Barb Hoyhtya to the HRA Board. Carried.

Discussion on the County Administrator's position prompted many questions and options. Should it be full-time? Should a headhunter be used? Should it be an Administrator or Coordinator position? The possibility of combining some economic development duties was also discussed. There were several department heads present that supported having a full-time Administrator.

10-10-06-05 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to retain the Brimeyer Group to recruit a full-time County Administrator. Carried, with Mr. Antony opposed.

10-10-06-06 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to have the County Auditor-Treasurer assume the Administrator's duties as of November 6, 2006 until a new Administrator is hired. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin discussed website development. He will arrange for a presentation at a later date.

10-10-06-07 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants, as presented, totaling \$105,798.91 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$21,006.18. Carried.

Attorney Keith Helgeson discussed the possibility of renting office space from Todd Trudell. The space is adequate for temporary offices until a more permanent solution is found. They are looking at approximately \$750 per month with a three year lease.

10-10-06-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to have Mr. Helgeson negotiate a lease with Mr. Trudell. Carried.

10-10-06-09 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to authorize advertising for a full-time Corrections Officer. Carried.

10-10-06-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to advertise for Extension Committee members. Carried.

Engineer Andy Sander presented two resolutions to the Board.

10-10-06-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has been notified that Mn/DOT is considering downgrading the status of Highway 7 - from Montevideo to Clara City - from a Principal Arterial to a Minor Arterial; and,

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners takes the position that any such downgrade is a detriment to our county and to our regions; and,

WHEREAS, Highway 7 is an important corridor between the Twin Cities and the western parts of the state; that it continues to be a heavily used route; truck traffic continues to prefer it over Highway 212 to the west: and,

WHEREAS, ongoing upgrades to Highway 23 only add to the amount of traffic that now, and in the future, will increase usage of the segment of Highway 7 from Clara City to Montevideo as a principal route to the west.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, strongly request the existing designation of Highway 7 from Clara City to Montevideo be left intact, and that no further efforts are made by Mn/DOT to declassify routes in Southwest Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we call upon our regional Mn/DOT Office, the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, the District 20 State Legislators, and the Governor's Office to support us in this endeavor to maintain high quality roadways in SW Minnesota.

Carried.

10-10-06-12 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Yellow Medicine that the road hereinafter described as a County State Aid Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Laws:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Yellow Medicine that the road described as follows, to-wit:

That part of County State Aid Highway #24 starting at Trunk Highway #67 running Northerly along 10th Street North approximately 0.07 miles, then turning Westerly along 11th Avenue North a distance of approximately 0.21 miles and thereby terminating at Trunk Highway #59; be, and hereby is, revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County, subject to the

approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for his consideration.

Carried.

There was some discussion on the Highway 3 project and the possible use of crushed glass as a bituminous base. Mr. Sander is meeting with recyclers on the use of crushed glass.

Paul Henriksen, Environmental Administrator, reviewed a Recycling Agreement and a Joint Powers Agreement with the Board. The recycling agreement is currently costing approximately \$98,000 per year. SCORE funding is around \$49,000, with a local match of 25%, and a \$10 per parcel assessment brings in about \$60,000.

10-10-06-13 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the Yellow Medicine County Recycling Agreement for 2007 through 2009 as presented. Carried, with Mr. Anderson voting against the motion.

10-10-06-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Solid Waste Services with Lyon County as presented. Carried.

10-10-06-15 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to adjourn at 11:42 AM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer