

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2019**

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Gary Johnson, Ron Antony and John Berends also present. Also present were Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jim Muchlinski and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 10-22-19-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda with the following additions: add Resolution #27-2019 for Abdo, Eick, and Meyers, LLP to the Regular Agenda and add recycling request for Porter to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 10-22-19-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: October 8, 2019 County Board meeting minutes; October 14, County Board Special meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status; approve the 2020 Snowmobile Grant Agreement with State of MN for \$52,332.17 on behalf of the Snow-Drifters of Montevideo Trails; Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant Program Contract; Prosecution Services Agreements for Hazel Run, City of Echo and City of Clarkfield (no changes from 2019); final approval of Project S.P. 087-070-015 (Resolution #28-2019). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 10-22-19-03** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$36,898.71 Ditch Fund, \$142,417.68 Revenue Fund, \$79,050.74 Road & Bridge Fund, \$39,260.48 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 Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Pioneerland Library System, CareerForce, State Radio Board, Department Head meeting, Special Board meeting, One Watershed One Plan and meeting with Senator Tina Smith. Commissioner Renneke reported on Planning Commission and Special Board meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on old Clarkfield school meetings, Emergency Management meeting, Area Transportation Partnership, Highway 23 Coalition, City of Clarkfield meeting, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, union negotiation meetings, sexual harassment training, Special Board meeting and Highway 67 meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on meeting with Senator Tina Smith, Highway 23 Coalition, Minnesota Opportunity Zone Collaborative, Safety Committee, Special Board meeting and Historical Society. Commissioner Kack reported on Special Board meeting.

**Regular Agenda**

Commissioner Antony discussed a request for concrete at the recycling location in Porter. More information will be brought to a future board meeting.

**Resolution #27-2019 10-22-19-04** Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager, presented resolution #27-2019. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #27-2019 which retains the accounting firm of Abdo, Eick, and Meyers, LLP for the purposes of performing audit services to the County for years ended December 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and authorizes Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager to execute related agreements and amendments. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Conditional Use Permit Request YM-601-19, Alvern Johnson 10-22-19-05**

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-601-19 for Alvern Johnson, Clarkfield, MN, to operate a Permit by Rule Demolition Landfill. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District in the northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) of Section 4 in Tyro Township T-115-N R-42-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires demolition landfills to obtain a Conditional Use permit.

Mark Jessen, citizen, was present to discuss concerns.

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-601-19 for Alvern Johnson with the following conditions:

1. Limit speed to 35 mph on any non-hard surface road.
2. Yellow Medicine County Highway Department shall place flashing warning signs on 360<sup>th</sup> Street, north of the minimum maintenance road.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:18 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

**WEX Fuel Cards 10-22-19-06** Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager and Sheriff Bill Flaten, discussed WEX Fuel Cards. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the use of WEX Fuel Cards. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**WEX Resolution #29-2019 10-22-19-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #29-2019 which approves the use of WEX Enterprise Fleet Management/ExxonMobil Fleet National Card for the County's fuel purchases only and authorizes Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager, to execute related agreements and amendments. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Open Public Hearing 10-22-19-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. regarding the proposed Parks Ordinance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Close Public Hearing 10-22-19-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to close the public hearing at 10:42 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Parks Ordinance 10-22-19-10** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Parks Ordinance as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Department/Program Updates**

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, gave an update.

**Food Shelf Request 10-22-19-11** Rae Ann Keeler-Aus presented a request from the Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf in Granite Falls. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the request from Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf in Granite Falls for the use of an old county computer and to utilize the County's internet services (at no additional cost). The Food Shelf will provide the necessary tower for internet services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Out-of-State Travel 10-22-19-12** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve out-of-state travel for Stacey Steinbach, Social Services Supervisor, including airfare/parking and reasonable transportation (excluding car rental). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tim Knapper and Jan Lerohl presented on the Senior Advocate Program.

The board recessed for break at 11:02 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

Sharon Hendrichs, Restorative Justice, gave an update.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

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

**Adjourn 10-22-19-13** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator