

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2007**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present was Jim Brimeyer with the The Brimeyer Group, Inc.

Lunch session with Jim Brimeyer/The Brimeyer Group, Inc. The Board met with Jim Brimeyer to conduct County Administrator Ryan Krosch's 6-month review. County Administrator Krosch joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Administrator Krosch was given a satisfactory evaluation and salary adjustment per his employment agreement with the county.

Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick and Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington attended the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Approve Agenda 10-23-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add additional appropriation – Sheriff's Department to the Consent Agenda; add AMC Healthcare Taskforce, Highway Department bidding process, Highway Department work schedule and random computer checks to Commissioner's Reports. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 10-23-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the October 9, 2007, County Board meeting; five reallocation requests totaling \$9,210.00, three additional appropriation requests totaling \$7,072.00 in expenditures. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There were no citizens present to be heard.

Commissioners Reports 10-23-07-03 Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Art Meander, Prairie Lakes Detention Center and Clarkfield EDA. Commissioner Remiger reported on SWCD Work Group and the Finance Committee. Commissioner Remiger also presented a letter addressed to MPCA requesting that Ditch #10 be taken off the 2008 Draft Impaired Waters List. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to submit the letter to MPCA as presented. Motion carried. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the SWCD Agriculture Stakeholders meeting, LACC-CAPC, Finance Committee, MCIT Workshop, County Task Force and AMC Healthcare Task Force. Commissioner Antony had no reports.

Commissioner Johnson discussed with the Board the Highway Department bidding process and work hours. The Board asked that these items be placed on the agenda for future discussion.

Commissioner Johnson discussed with the Board the County's computer use policy and doing random checks of County computers. Administrator Krosch stated this policy will be addressed in the IT needs assessment that is currently being completed and that any actions related to this policy should wait until the assessment is finished and the computer use policy is updated.

Department/Agency Reports SWCD District Manager Lou Ann Nagel and SWCD Technician Kurt Johnson updated the Board on changes to the Wetlands Conservation Act.

Regular Agenda:

CUP Meteorological Wind Tower 10-23-07-04 County Water Plan Coordinator Jolene Johnson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit request YM-473-07 for Buffalo Ridge Power Partners, LLC, to construct a temporary meteorological tower in the north one-half (N ½) of Section 34 in Fortier Township T-114-N R-46-W. One condition was also recommended. Lewis Miller with Buffalo Ridge Power Partners, LLC was also present. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-473-07 for Buffalo Ridge Power Partners, LLC with the following condition:

1. Must follow all requirements set forth in the Wind Energy Conversion Systems document. Motion carried.

Museum Relocation County Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz discussed with the Board the availability of grant funding for relocating the county museum. The development of a purchase agreement to relocate the county museum from the floodplain to property located at the intersection of Minnesota Highway 274 and County Road 44 was also discussed. The Board requested that a final purchase agreement be presented at the November 13 Board meeting.

New Auditor/Treasurer's Department administrative secretary Amy Redepenning was introduced to the Board.

Direct Deposit Resolution The Labor Management Committee recommended approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 471.426 gives the Yellow Medicine County Board authority to require direct deposit for its employees who are being paid by its payroll system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2008, payroll distribution for all permanent part-time and full-time employees shall be by electronic direct deposit to an account identified by the employee.

10-23-07-05 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to deny the direct deposit resolution as presented. Motion failed with Commissioners Remiger, Wambeke and Sherlin voting opposed to the motion and Commissioner Johnson voting in favor.

10-23-07-06 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the direct deposit resolution as presented. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting against the motion.

Policy 201.302 Performance Evaluations 10-23-07-07 Administrator Krosch reviewed changes recommended by the Labor Management Committee to County Policy 201.302 – Performance Evaluations. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the changes to Policy 201.302 as recommended. Motion carried. The updated policy will be placed on the County's website under "County Policies".

Administrator Krosch discussed changes to employee's payroll deductions. Payroll deductions will be taken out of paychecks in equal amounts rather than all deductions coming from one payroll check each month. This is being done to help spread out the costs of health insurance deductions. Notice will go out to employees regarding this change prior to it occurring.

2008 Budget Update The Board discussed setting aside time during the November Board meetings to review the 2008 budget.

LEC Kitchen Quote 10-23-07-08 Administrator Krosch presented a design drawing for a kitchen area in the LEC. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to use funds in the 2007 budget to construct a kitchen countertop, sink and cabinet area in the LEC as presented. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting opposed to the motion.

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 10-23-07-09 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$43,264.54 Revenue Fund, \$51,625.21 Road and Bridge Fund and \$455.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$163,109.51. Motion carried.

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

Informational: None

Adjourn 10-23-07-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer