

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

October 24, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 12:13 PM with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Scott Tedrick of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

10-24-06-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of a temporary employee for the County Attorney's office and discussion on Minnesota Statute 13D.03. Carried.

10-24-06-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 10, 2006 regular meeting minutes, a LPRW reappointment resolution, and several reallocation and additional appropriation requests. Carried.

There were no citizens present to be heard.

Jim Brimeyer, of the Brimeyer Group, reviewed his proposal to provide County Administrator recruiting services. Several alternatives were discussed and Mr. Brimeyer felt that flexibility could be maintained throughout the process.

10-24-06-03 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Johnson to accept the proposal of the Brimeyer Group. Carried.

10-24-06-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to open the public hearing on 2007 ditch repair liens. Carried.

John Kolhei, Ditch Inspector, reviewed the proposed ditch repair liens to 12 ditch systems.

10-24-06-05 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to accept the 2007 Ditch Repair Liens as presented. Carried.

Mr. Anderson closed the hearing at 1:15 PM.

County Recorder Kay Zempel thanked the Board for their new counter, gave updates on their book scanning and plat imaging projects, and discussed use of GIS and other services.

Don Kleven, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Realty Specialist, presented four habitat easements for certification. There was discussion on the impact of the easements and how many acres Fish and Wildlife controls or owns in the County.

10-24-06-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to certify the easements as presented. Carried, with Mr. Johnson opposed.

County Assessor Connie Erickson reviewed training proposals for Outlook 2003 training. The Creative Solutions Committee was supporting the request.

10-24-06-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Microsoft Outlook 2003 training and the \$845 allocation needed. Carried.

Engineer Andy Sander and General Foreman Larry Stoks requested permission to advertise for a sign truck and broom as approved in their 2006 budget.

10-24-06-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve advertising for bids for a sign truck and broom. Carried.

Project updates were also reviewed.

10-24-06-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to hire Julene Nordaune as a temporary Office Support Specialist in the County Attorney's office.

Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Prairie Waters activities. Mr. Johnson gave updates on Prairie Five CAC and UMVRDC. Mr. Antony covered a Big Stone II meeting in Canby and a shared feedlot officer meeting with Lyon County. Ms. Remiger reviewed Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, and Yellow Medicine Historical Society meetings. Mr. Anderson reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Programs, the AMC Fall District Meeting, Labor Management Committee, a Big Stone II public hearing in Granite Falls, and Countryside Public Health.

There was a lengthy discussion on possible ways to cut the 2007 budget. Much of the discussion centered on equipment replacement requests. Two Commissioners will meet with various departments to review their equipment replacement schedules and recommend possible changes to the Board. Until new schedules are approved, the cuts previously proposed will remain. Mr. Chattin will update the budget with changes to be considered and Fiscal Officer Lois Bonde will incorporate future budget changes.

10-24-06-10 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$100,294.80 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$101,713.00. Carried.

10-24-06-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn at 4:06 PM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer