

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Glen Kack, John Berends, Greg Renneke and Gary Johnson present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson, Advocate Tribune reporter Kyle Klausing and West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 09-12-17-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove hiring of Child Protection Social Worker (second one) from the Consent Agenda and add replacement of Engineer Tech to Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 09-12-17-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 22, 2017 County Board meeting minutes; September 5, 2017 Special Board meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status; cancel The Village Business Institute contract for mediation services; resolution #22-2017 for the Highway Department; approve hiring of Mike Oftedahl as a part-time, non-scheduled Correctional Officer/Dispatcher, his salary will be grade 12, step 1, his start date is TBD; hiring of Nicole Mattison as a Child Protection Social Worker, her salary will be grade 19, step 1, her start date is September 25, 2017; hiring of Dan Moravetz as Assistant County Engineer, his salary will be grade 20, step 6, his start date is TBD; permits for Aeration Systems at Wood Lake and Tyson Lake; approve resignation of Stacy Vinberg Wickre, Assistant County Attorney; approve replacement of Assistant County Attorney; approve replacement of Engineer Tech. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-12-17-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$9,609.68 Ditch Fund, \$107,507.30 Revenue Fund, \$47,274.32 Road & Bridge Fund, \$113,360.94 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 Kack reported on Western Mental Health Center, Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Committee, Area II/RCRCA and Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Berends reported on two broadband meetings, Southern Prairie Community Care, Labor Management meeting and whitewater task force. Commissioner Johnson reported on Prairie 5, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Develop Commission, meeting with County Attorney and Vice Chair, 6W Community Corrections, Clarkfield school meeting, Personnel Committee meeting and viewing of County Ditch 9. Commissioner Renneke reported on Personnel Committee meeting. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, meeting with County Attorney and Chair, MCIT, YM River Watershed Board and HRA.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, broadband project and recycling bins. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

MOA for Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan 09-12-17-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to table the Memorandum of Agreement for the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan to a future board meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Commissioner Renneke was not present.

Request for out of state travel 09-12-17-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve out of state travel for Jessi Jeppesen, Restorative Justice Department. Commissioner Antony withdrew his motion and tabled it until later in the meeting.

Chris Konechne, Finley Engineering Company and Doug Dawson, CCG Consulting, presented on the Broadband Feasibility Study.

The board recessed for break at 10:46 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

Cathy Jakobs, HRA Executive Director, discussed a reappointment and the 2018 levy.

Reappointment to HRA Board 09-12-17-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to appoint Carol Podratz to a five-year term as commissioner on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Yellow Medicine County effective September 1, 2017. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Adoption of levy and resolution #23-2017 09-12-17-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the HRA levy for 2018 and resolution #23-2017. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Market Study 09-12-17-08 Members of the Labor Management Committee were present to discuss the recommendation of conducting a market study. Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Springsted to conduct a market study in the amount of \$10,400. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Request for out of state travel 09-12-17-09 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve out of state travel for Jessi Jeppesen, Restorative Justice Department. It includes two hotel rooms (Jessi and two volunteers) for one night up to \$245 (base amount). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-586-17, David Eid 09-12-17-10

Chris Balfany, Planning & Zoning/Ditch Administrator and Cindy Anderson, Administrative Secretary, presented a recommendation from the Planning commission to deny conditional use permit request YM-586-17 for David Eid, Montevideo, MN, to construct and operate a 5 megawatt Solar Garden covering approximately 40 acres on Parcel 17-233-3031 and Parcel 17-233-3010 located in part of the northwest one-quarter (NW¹/₄) and located in part of the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter (N¹/₂ SW¹/₄) of Section 33 in Stony Run North Township T-117-N R-40-W. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for Solar Energy Farms.

Chairman Johnson passed the gavel to Vice Chair Antony.

Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to deny Conditional Use Permit YM-586-17 for David Eid. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Michelle May, Finance Manager and Administrator Heglund presented the 2018 draft budget.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:08 p.m. Commissioner Renneke was not in attendance.

Department/Program Updates

Doug Coil and Dale Schoberg, Fair Board, gave an update.

Don Mock, Parks and Larry Stoks, Highway Department gave an update.

Janel Timm, Property and Public Services, gave an update.

Other Business None

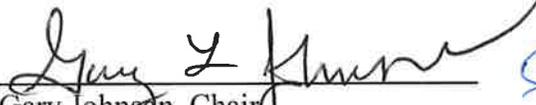
Informational August Vendor Payments and Budget Tracker

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

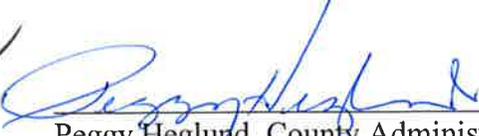
Adjourn 09-12-17-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator