

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

Chairman Glen Kack called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Mitch Kling, Greg Renneke and John Berends also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 09-12-23-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 09-12-23-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 22, 2023 County Board meeting minutes; hiring of Jessica Donner as the Finance & Administration Deputy, her salary will be grade 10, step 2, her start date is TBD. County Ditch 8 Partial Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$802,629.32 to Litzau Farm Drainage, Inc. was moved to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-12-23-03 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$79,620.66 Ditch Fund, \$93,390.21 Revenue Fund, \$410,124.27 Road & Bridge Fund, \$89,792.92 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 Berends reported on DNR public meetings, Primewest, Labor Management Committee and Yellowstone Trail. Commissioner Kack reported on Western Mental Health Center, Prairie Five, Area II/RCRCA and Labor Management Committee. Commissioner Renneke reported on Wold meeting and DNR meeting. Commissioner Kling reported on 6W Community Corrections, Soil and Water Conservation District and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Commissioner Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, Wold meeting, Emergency Communication Board and Counties Providing Technology.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Road Closure Request 09-12-23-04 Scott Tedrick requested road closure for upcoming events in downtown Granite Falls. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the road closure request for September 29, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. from 7th Ave. to 9th Ave. (Prentice Street). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Becci tenBensel, Women's Rural Advocacy Program (WRAP), presented to the board.

WRAP Funding 09-12-23-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the request for \$15,000 per year for the next two years. The \$2,000 that is budgeted for Safe Avenues will be transferred to WRAP. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:32 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Chris Balfany, Land and Resource Management, gave an update.

CD 8 Partial Pay Estimate 09-12-23-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Partial Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$802,629.32 to Litzau Farm Drainage, Inc. for County Ditch 8 improvements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

CD 8 Change Order 09-12-23-07 Shaun Luker, Bolton & Menk, Inc. discussed a Change Order for County Ditch 8 improvements. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$152,247 to Litzau Farm Drainage, Inc. for County Ditch 8 improvements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dan Moravetz, Tony Sather and Andy Lee, Highway Department, gave an update.

Culvert Replacement 09-12-23-08 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the low quote from Oldecastle Infrastructure in the amount of \$54,243.71 for culvert replacement on County Road D-7. One other quote was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Fairgrounds Building Remodel Quotes 09-12-23-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the following quotes for remodeling of the Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds: Jelen Construction in the amount of \$31,001.37, C.A.S. Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$4,888 and Rangaard Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$12,456. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

DDA Maintenance Plan Agreement Renewal 09-12-23-10 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to renew the DDA Maintenance Plan Agreement for three years in the amount of \$10,300 per year. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Preliminary Levy 09-12-23-11 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to increase the 2024 net tax levy by 5.35% for a total preliminary 2024 net levy of \$12,996,332 and a gross levy of \$13,660,969. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Truth in Taxation 09-12-23-12 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Opioid Claim 09-12-23-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to dismiss Yellow Medicine County's opioid claim against Masters Pharmaceutical. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #26-2023 09-12-23-14 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #26-2023 which authorizes the County Attorney to execute agreements and amendments with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Gruenes discussed treating elected officials as employees in regards to data practice requests. No action was taken at this time.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, discussed the budget.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Adjourn 09-12-23-15 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Glen Kack, Chair

Attest:



Angie Steinbach, County Administrator