

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes
September 13, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent were also present. Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived later in the meeting.

09-13-05-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter from Judge Drange, a mine tour on September 27th, and discussion on recovering moving costs and approval of the consent agenda including the August 23, 2005 regular meeting minutes and a reallocation request. Carried.

Under reports, Mr. Sherlin discussed Prairie Waters. Mr. Johnson reported on Region 6W Community Corrections, a Comprehensive Plan Task force meeting, and a Community Corrections conference. Ms. Remiger attended meetings of the Hanley Falls Museum, SWCD Work Group, AMC Agriculture and Transportation Committees, and Comprehensive Plan Task Force. Mr. Antony added to the Comprehensive Plan Task Force discussion. Mr. Anderson reviewed correspondence received and commented on AMC Committee meetings.

The letter from Judge Drange covered minimum security standards for courtrooms starting in 2006. Budget implications were discussed.

A relocation payment reimbursement of \$1,000, due from former Engineer John Johnson, was considered. Mr. Chattin had indicated to Mr. Johnson that since additional services were provided by Mr. Johnson, after he left, no reimbursement would likely be required.

09-13-05-02 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to forgo Yellow Medicine's share of the reimbursement amounting to \$500. Carried.

Peggy Heglund, Family Services Director, discussed efforts to retain volunteer drivers with the rising gas prices. The increase in the IRS mileage rate to 48.5¢ per mile, effective September 1st, will help but additional compensation may be needed. The Board agreed to entertain an additional 10¢ per mile, if needed, at a later date. They also discussed advertising for an upcoming meth speaker.

Attorney Tom Kramer reviewed documents associated with 7 SCBA masks funded by a Homeland Security grant. The Granite Falls Fire Department had masks missing during a recent audit and those masks had since been replaced. Possible assignment of responsibility for equipment in the future was discussed as well as ongoing investigations.

09-13-05-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to make reassignment of grant equipment a County practice in the future. Carried.

Steve Schaub, Assistant Engineer, and Larry Stoks, General Foreman, accompanied Andy Sander, the new County Shared Engineer.

09-13-05-04 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to hire Dan Moravetz as an Equipment Operator. Carried.

09-13-05-05 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to approve an agreement with Area II for receipt of funds for the retention structure on the CSAH 4 project near Gary, South Dakota. Carried.

09-13-05-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to accept the bid

of Piorier Equipment Company for a new Case 821C loader of \$120,019 to boot, plus tax. Carried.

09-13-05-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the purchase of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of gravel from Zaske. Carried.

09-13-05-08 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following three advance encumbrance resolutions, as presented:

WHEREAS, the County of Yellow Medicine has obtained the Commissioner's approval of the plans for the following County State-Aid Project: Project #87-642-02; and

WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project by providing local funds to supplement the available funds in the County Regular/County Municipal/Turnback/Town Bridge/Account; and

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced by the County is desired in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5, 6 & 7 and Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this basis for financing said construction project and to authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to said Account, in the amounts as herein indicated: \$23,932.50 from the 2006 allotment.

WHEREAS, the County of Yellow Medicine has obtained the Commissioner's approval of the plans for the following County State-Aid Project: Project #87-599-111; and

WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project by providing local funds to supplement the available funds in the County Regular/County Municipal/Turnback/Town Bridge/Account; and

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced by the County is desired in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5, 6 & 7 and Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this basis for financing said construction project and to authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to said Account, in the amounts as herein indicated: \$48,517.00 from the 2006 allotment.

WHEREAS, the County of Yellow Medicine has obtained the Commissioner's approval of the plans for the following County State-Aid Project: Project #87-633-09; and

WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project by providing local funds to supplement the available funds in the County Regular/County Municipal/Turnback/Town Bridge/Account; and

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced by the County is desired in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5, 6 & 7 and Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this basis for financing said construction project and to authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to said Account, in the amounts as herein indicated: \$44,388.40 from the 2006 allotment.

Carried.

Commissioner Johnson left at 10:45 a.m. to fulfill other commitments.

The Board was updated on current highway projects.

09-13-05-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Yellow Medicine County (the "Authority") was created by action of the Board of Commissioners of Yellow Medicine County (the "County") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such action on the part of the County and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047 (the "Act"), the Authority was granted all of the same functions, rights, and powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and limitations as are provided for housing and redevelopment authorities created for cities under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 469.033, subd. 6, of the Act permits the Authority to levy and collect a special benefit tax of up to .0144% of taxable market value upon all taxable property, both real and personal, within the Authority's area of operation; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of the tax may be extended for the purposes of Sections 469.001 to 469.047 of the Act, including, without limitation, to pay certain administrative costs of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the Board of Commissioners of the County approve the levy of such a special benefit tax in the amount not exceeding .0144% of the taxable market value of taxable property within the Authority's area of operation contained within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County has considered such request by the Authority and has determined that consenting to such a special benefit tax levy by the Authority is in the best interests of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also required pursuant to Section 469.033, subd. 6, of the Act to, in connection with the levy of such a special benefit tax, formulate and file a budget in accordance with the budget procedure of the County in the same manner as required of executive departments of the County and the amount of the tax levy for the following year shall be based upon that budget and approved by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has presented to the Board of Commissioners of the County a copy of a proposed budget for its operations for fiscal year 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Yellow Medicine County as follows: That the levy of a special benefit tax pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, subd. 6, is hereby consented to with respect to taxes payable in calendar year 2006 in the amount of \$42,682; which amount does not exceed .0144% of taxable market value of taxable property within the Authority's area of operation within the County.

Carried.

09-13-05-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to set the County's 2006 preliminary gross levy at \$6,822,592, reflecting an increase in the net levy of 3%, per the calculations presented. Carried.

The Board noted that it would recognize and approve the 48.5¢ IRS mileage rate for the County effective September 1, 2005, in accordance with the adoption of the IRS mileage rates for 2005.

09-13-05-11 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to approve Commissioner's Warrants as presented totaling \$82,305.44 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$96,377.32. Carried.

09-13-05-12 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the

meeting at 11:11 a.m. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer