

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2014**

Chair Louis Sherlin called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Greg Renneke and John Berends present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, West Central Tribune reporter Tom Cherveney and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 09-23-14-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 09-23-14-02** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda items as follows: September 9, 2014 County Board meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status; approve resignation of Lynell Sunderland, Fiscal Supervisor; approve replacement of Fiscal Supervisor position; approve resignation of Larry Gehrking, Equipment Operator; approve replacement of Equipment Operator; Wellness Institute: Memorandum Agreement for AFSCME-Courthouse, AFSCME-Highway, LELS and Teamsters unions and Service Agreement with SW/WC Service Cooperative; renewal of agreement for supervision and evaluation services from PACT for Families for the Drug Free Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Johnson reported on Minnesota River Congress, Commissioner of DNR meeting, Highway Department meeting, Prairie Lakes Detention Center, Prairie Lakes Youth Program Advisory Board and Prairie Five Community Action. Commissioner Berends reported on Food Shelf meeting, Historical Society and Prairie Lakes Youth Program Advisory Board. Commissioner Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Renneke reported on Planning Commission, Highway Department meeting and Design Team. Commissioner Antony reported on Workforce Center, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority and Statewide Strategic Planning Group for public safety communications.

Administrator Heglund reported on broadband opportunities, possible 'single sort' recycling, Aquatic Invasive Species meeting, Restorative Justice award, lunch at MNWest campus and tour of new VSO office.

County Attorney Helgeson reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Program Advisory Board.

**Department/Program Updates**

Cheryl Glaeser, Southwest Initiative Foundation, gave an update.

Alicia Webb and Kathy Schwantes, U of M Extension, gave an update.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center Director, gave an update.

**Reach out for Warmth 09-23-14-03** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve a \$1000 donation to Prairie Five's Reach out for Warmth program. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Melissa Helgeson, Social Service Supervisor, gave a presentation on Vulnerable Adults.

The Board recessed for break at 11:09 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

**Food Shelf 09-23-14-04** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve a \$5000 donation to the Granite Falls Food Shelf and a \$2500 donation to the Clarkfield Food Shelf. Commissioner Johnson withdrew his motion.

**Food Shelf 09-23-14-05** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve up to a \$5000 maximum contribution amount to the Granite Falls Food Shelf contingent on Chippewa County and City of Granite Falls each contributing equally. Motion carried with Commissioner Berends, Renneke, Antony and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-23-14-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$1,757.76 Ditch Fund, \$91,923.72 Revenue Fund, \$49,832.06 Road & Bridge Fund, \$37,762.66 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

### **Regular Agenda**

**Design Team 09-23-14-07** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Berends to appoint Commissioners Antony and Renneke to the Design Team and Commissioners Johnson and Berends to be alternates. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Board set the December 9, 2014 Board meeting time to 6:00 p.m. with the Truth in Taxation meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. (Lunch at MNWest and tour new VSO office)

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Joel Dunning, John McNamara and Emma Survis from Wold Architects and Earl Fuechtmann from Contegrity Group, Inc. discussed the Justice Center.

**Preliminary Levy 09-23-14-08** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to increase the 2015 net tax levy by 6.43%. Motion failed with Commissioner Antony and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson, Sherlin and Renneke voting against.

**Preliminary Levy 09-23-14-09** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to increase the 2015 net tax levy by 5.43%. Motion failed with Commissioner Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Renneke, Sherlin, Johnson and Antony voting against.

**Preliminary Levy 09-23-14-10** Motion by Commissioner Johnson to increase the 2015 net tax levy by 4.5%. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Preliminary Levy 09-23-14-11** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to increase the 2015 net tax levy by 6.43% for a total preliminary 2015 net levy of \$9,546,737 and a gross levy of \$9,714,510. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Berends, Renneke and Sherlin voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

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

**Adjourn 09-23-14-12** Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:

  
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Louis Sherlin, Chair

  
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Peggy Heglund, County Administrator