

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2007**

Chairman Ron Antony called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, Dick Wambeke and Ron Antony present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Scott Tedrick, Marshall Independent reporter Robert Wolfington and Cecilia Alvarez with the Entrepreneur's Network.

Approve Agenda 09-25-07-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add administrative secretary hiring to the consent agenda; add Labor Management Committee recommendations, Board of Adjustments alternate, restorative justice intern and bio-diesel survey to the regular agenda; add August financial reports to the informational agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda 09-25-07-02 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the September 11, 2007, County Board meeting; one additional appropriation request totaling \$21,339 in revenues and \$21,339 in expenditures; hiring Amy Redepening as an Administrative Secretary. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments There were no citizens present to be heard.

Commissioners Reports Commissioner Sherlin reported on the ATV Convention held at the Appleton ATV Park, Western Mental Health and the WesMN RLF. Commissioner Johnson reported on the RDC, Water Plan Task Force, Restorative Justice Committee and Pioneer Library Board. Commissioner Remiger reported on the MVRRA, MN Machinery Museum and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Wambeke reported on LACC-CAPC, MNRAA and county based purchasing. Commissioner Antony reported on the Rural Energy Board.

Regular Agenda:

Ditch Repair Hearing 09-25-07-03 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Sherlin to open a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. to take comments on proposed ditch levies. Motion carried.

County Ditch Inspector John Kolhei reviewed the proposed 2008 ditch repair liens with the Board. No one from the public was present to comment. Chairman Antony closed the hearing at 1:08 p.m.

09-25-07-04 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve as presented the 2008 ditch repair liens totaling \$52,495. Motion carried.

Restorative Justice Intern Restorative Justice Coordinator Julie Marthaler informed the Board she may be able to get an intern at no charge through Southwest State University.

Veterans' Services Update VSO Michelle Gatz updated the Board on services provided through the county veterans' services office.

Museum Relocation 09-25-07-05 Yellow Medicine County Historical Society Board members Jan Peterson and Terri Dinesen and County Emergency Manager Michelle Gatz discussed with

the Board the availability of grant funding to relocate the county museum from the floodplain to property located at the intersection of Minnesota Highway 274 and County Road 44. Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Johnson to approve submitting requests for grant funding to relocate the county museum to 1.28 acres of land owned by David and Sharon Cole in Section 16 of Minnesota Falls Township. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Request 09-25-07-06 County Zoning Administrator Randy Jacobson presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of conditional use permit request YM-471-07 for Wayne Vance to operate an auto body repair shop and a used car dealership on a three acre parcel of land in part of the NW ¼ NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12 of Sandnes Township. Three conditions were also recommended. Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-471-07 for Wayne Vance with the following conditions:

1. All waste generated from the auto body repair shop or the auto dealership will be disposed of following State of Minnesota rules.
2. The owner/operator of this auto body repair shop/used car dealership will comply with rules set forth in Countryside Public Health Service's Ordinance Regulating Nuisances found in Section XI of the Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance.
3. Because this auto body repair shop/used car dealership is located in the Rural Preservation Management District (Ag) of Yellow Medicine County, the owner/operator of this business will at all times be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustments Alternate 09-25-07-07 Motion by Commissioner Remiger and second by Commissioner Wambeke to appoint Dan Dybsetter as an alternate to the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried.

Final Resolution CSAH 3 09-25-07-08 County Engineer Andy Sander presented a resolution for final payment for grading on CSAH 3 (CP 07-03). Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, County Project 07-03 have in all things been completed and the County Board being fully advised in the premise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Yellow Medicine hereby accepts said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Yellow Medicine and authorizes final payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$13,712.75 for the final contract amount totaling \$205,142.60. Motion carried.

Purchase New Dozer 09-25-07-09 Engineer Sander presented a request to replace a dozer for the Highway Department. A state bid for a new dozer and a trade in value for the current dozer were presented. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Model D5NLGP dozer at a total cost of \$135,905.99. Motion carried.

A survey about bio-diesel use in highway department vehicles was discussed.

Quotes for Timm Park County Administrator Krosch informed the Board quotes for the water and electric improvements to Timm Park would be presented at the October 9 meeting.

Labor Negotiations 09-25-07-10 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to have the County Board meet in closed session in the County Board Room at 2:47 p.m. to discuss labor negotiation strategies and proposals. Motion carried. All five County Board members, County Administrator Krosch and County Attorney Helgeson attended the closed session meeting. Commissioner Johnson excused himself from the closed session at 3:10 p.m. to attend another meeting.

Chairman Antony reopened the regular meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Labor Management Committee Recommendations 09-25-07-11 Administrator Krosch reviewed changes recommended by the Labor Management Committee to county policies 201.264 - Donation of Leave, 201.253 - Holiday Leave and 201.252 - Vacation. Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Wambeke to approve the policy changes as recommended. Motion carried. The updated policies will be placed on the county's website under "County Policies".

Other Business: None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-25-07-12 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to approve the Commissioner's Warrants for the following amounts: \$37,182.77 Revenue Fund, \$69,518.13 Road and Bridge Fund and \$6,778.98 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$76,982.39. Motion carried.

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

09-25-07-13 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and second by Commissioner Remiger to hold the Truth and Taxation hearing on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. Motion carried.

Informational The Board reviewed the August jail and financial reports.

Adjourn 09-25-07-14 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and second by Commissioner Remiger to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Witness:

Attest:

Ron Antony, Chair

Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer