

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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 and Advocate Tribune reporter Kyle Klausing.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 09-26-17-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following additions: add Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority Resolution to Regular Agenda and add Sandcreek proposal to Regular Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 09-26-17-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: September 12, 2017 County Board meeting minutes; consideration of permanent status; hiring of Teresa Kuehl as a Child Protection Social Worker, her salary will be grade 19, step1, her start date is October 9, 2017; State of MN Grant Contract for Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Enforcement Grant for fiscal years 2018-2019 in the amount of \$10,632; additional appropriation request for the Land & Resource Management department; State of MN FY2018 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$47,860.03. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-26-17-03 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$50,883.20 Ditch Fund, \$84,346.76 Revenue Fund, \$38,536.18 Road & Bridge Fund, \$80,809.62 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.

MVRRRA Resolution #26-2017 09-26-17-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #26-2017 supporting a Tiger Grant application for Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority annual event, SW Workforce Council, Pioneerland Library System and JD 20 meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on Lyon County Regional Landfill, State Judicial Council Recognition Event and Personnel Committee. Commissioner Johnson reported on meeting with Vice Chair and County Attorney, Prairie Five, Prairie Lakes, Personnel Committee, Clarkfield school task force and Historical Society annual meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Historical Society annual meeting, Historical Society, JD 20 meeting and Southern Prairie Community Care. Commissioner Kack reported on JD 20 meeting, Western Mental Health Center and Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority annual event.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, grain storage at the Fairgrounds, R4 Solar discussion, update on county vehicles and broadband update. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Part-time IT Technician 09-26-17-05 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to add a part-time (19 hours/week) IT Technician position at grade 12. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:16 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Tax Abatement 09-26-17-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve an abatement in Hazel Run Township. The abatement was to reinstate the homestead status. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #24-2017 for Final Payment 09-26-17-07 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve resolution #24-2017 for final payment to AAA Striping Service Co. in the amount of \$1,785.14 for final contract amounts totaling \$35,702.74 (Project S.P. 087-070-008). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Grant Agreement and Resolution #25-2017 09-26-17-08 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Agreement and resolution #25-2017 for Bridge No. 87563 (S.P. 087-598-025). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

One Watershed One Plan MOA 09-26-17-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the One Watershed One Plan Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Ordinance for the Implementation of Enforcement of the Buffer Law 09-26-17-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Ordinance for the Implementation of Enforcement of the Buffer Law. Motion carried with all voting in favor. This Ordinance includes the following information:

1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND POLICY

1.1 **Statutory authorization.** This buffer ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minn. Stat. §103F.48, the Buffer Law, and the County planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minn. Stat. chapter 394.

1.2 **Purpose and intent.** It is the purpose and intent of the County to:

(a) Provide for riparian vegetated buffers and water quality practices to achieve the following purposes:

- (1) Protect state water resources from erosion and runoff pollution;
- (2) Stabilize soils, shores and banks; and
- (3) Protect or provide riparian corridors.

(b) Coordinate the implementation and enforcement of the water resources riparian protection requirements of Minn. Stat. §103F.48 with the shore land management rules and ordinances adopted under the authority of Minn. Stat. §103F.201 to 103F.227 and the management of public drainage systems established under Minn. Stat. chapter 103E where applicable; and

(c) Provide efficient and effective direction to landowners and protection of surface water quality and related land resources.

- 2.0 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**
- 3.0 JURISDICTION**
- 4.0 BUFFER REQUIREMENTS**
- 5.0 COMPLIANCE DETERMINATIONS**
- 6.0 ENFORCEMENT**

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available from the County Administrator upon request at no cost to the individual.

Ashlie Johnson, Countryside Public Health, presented on tobacco retailer education and possible updates to the Yellow Medicine County Tobacco Ordinance.

The Board discussed a contractual agreement with Sandcreek to provide a work session for the Board and Administrator regarding communication, roles & responsibilities and agenda development. With Sandcreek unable to address all three areas, the Board directed County Attorney Helgeson to contact AMC to inquire into their ability to provide the requested services.

Michelle May, Finance Manager and Administrator Heglund reviewed the proposed 2018 budget and levy with the Board.

Preliminary Levy 09-26-17-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to increase the 2018 net tax levy by 1.2%. Motion was withdrawn.

Preliminary Levy 09-26-17-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to increase the 2018 net tax levy by 0.75% for a total preliminary 2018 net levy of \$10,420,480 and a gross levy of \$10,939,422. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Renneke was not in attendance.

Department/Program Updates

Rick Wandersee, Facilities Manager, gave an update.

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

Reach out for Warmth 09-26-17-13 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the donation of \$1,000 for the Reach out for Warmth program. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Amanda Stengel and Sam Isfeld, Child Support Officers, gave an update on current child support caseloads.

Truth in Taxation 09-26-17-14 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational August Jail Report

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

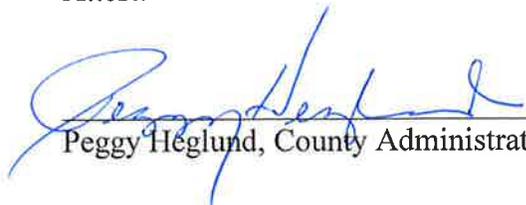
Adjourn 09-26-17-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 2:16 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:



Gary Johnson, Chair



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator