

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes
September 28, 2004

Chair Jane Remiger called this regular meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. with Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin, Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent, and Dan McGonigle of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

09-28-04-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition of health insurance costs, appointment of a hearing officer, and approval of an account agreement. Carried.

09-28-04-02 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 14, 2004 regular meeting minutes and two reallocation requests. Carried.

Mr. Anderson started the reports with updates on a Region 6W Community Corrections/Family Services meeting, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), Southwest Regional Solid Waste, Labor Management Committee (LMC), Waste-to-Energy facility, and Prairie Lakes Youth Programs. Mr. Antony commented on the LMC and Developmental Achievement Center (DAC). Ms. Remiger reviewed a museum/historical society meeting, job services changes, an ICS meeting, and AMC transportation issues.

Michelle Gatz, VSO/Emergency Management, reviewed a request for additional benefits for an employee while deployed with the National Guard. There was much discussion on the proposal.

09-28-04-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to allow the accumulation of 50% of sick and vacation time for employees when deployed on active duty with the National Guard. The motion failed with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Remiger voting against the motion.

Ms. Gatz reviewed the possible loss of grant funds if not used to increase the pay of an employee funded under the grant.

09-28-04-04 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to approve wage increases for Dan McGonigle to \$10.50 per hour effective September 1, 2004 and to \$11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2005. Carried.

Other projects being worked on, including ID badges, were reviewed.

Laura Milbrandt, representing Prairie V, presented a resolution for the Board's consideration.

09-28-04-05 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County of Yellow Medicine has needs for a variety of affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Program addresses the needs of children with elevated blood levels residing in housing with lead hazards present; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership for the rehabilitation of single family homes and rental properties containing lead hazards in Yellow Medicine County is consistent with addressing this housing need; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County agrees to join with Jackson County as the lead applicant; along with Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock, Redwood, Cottonwood, Chippewa, Swift, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, Brown, Faribault,

Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, and Watonwan County for the purposes of this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yellow Medicine County Board of Commissioners supports the proposed housing rehabilitation activities and the submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Housing Finance Agency, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, and Federal Home Loan Bank.

Carried.

Ms. Remiger recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Prairie Waters activities.

A request from the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed for in-kind support for a grant application was considered.

09-28-04-06 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to support the efforts of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, to protect and preserve our natural resources by implementing the Phase II – Clean Water Partnership Project, through an in-kind pledge of \$2,430.00. Carried.

VEBA co-pays and implementation documents were reviewed.

09-28-04-07 Motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the 2005 CMM and VEBA Co-Pays, Adoption Agreement for the Minnesota Service Cooperatives VEBA Plan, and County Personnel Policy Supplement as presented. Carried.

09-28-04-08 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve an additional appropriation of up to \$3,000 for maintenance and improvements to the Canby Family Services offices. Carried.

Mr. Johnson reported on Pioneerland Library, UMRDC, Water Planning, and Prairie V.

Ms. Remiger recessed the meeting at 1:02 p.m. for a public hearing to set ditch levies.

John Kolhei, Ditch Inspector, reviewed the proposed 2005 Ditch Repair Liens. There were no public comments offered.

09-28-04-09 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the 2005 Ditch Repair Liens as presented. Carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Proposals for garbage collection services were considered. Grant Velde, representing Velde Sanitation, and Don Williamson, representing West Central Sanitation, were present. A comparative spreadsheet was reviewed with several questions asked and answered.

09-28-04-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to accept proposals for garbage collection services annually in the future. Carried.

09-28-04-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Antony to accept the proposal of Velde Sanitation effective October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Carried.

09-28-04-12 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to appoint the County Auditor/Treasurer, or her designee, as the responsible agent for administering the County Tobacco Ordinance. Carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed a letter to the editor from the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune wherein the Mayor of Granite Falls inferred that the County was involved in a \$350,000 loan to Specialty Systems. He noted that the County had no knowledge of or involvement in such a loan. Ms. Remiger read a thank you letter from Specialty Systems

for the County's forgiveness of property tax penalties and interest.

A letter from Western Minnesota Enterprise Facilitation Network requesting \$10,000 in funding for 2005 was reviewed. The Board directed that \$5,000 be considered in the 2005 budget.

09-28-04-13 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to authorize final pay to Duininck Bros. in the amount of \$6,062.11 for the paving projects in Porter and Hanley Falls. Carried.

Engineer John Johnson answered questions on future bridge projects.

09-28-04-14 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal as supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Yellow Medicine County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Yellow Medicine County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available:

<i>Old Bridge Number</i>	<i>Road Number or Name</i>	<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>Township or State Bridge Funds</i>	<i>Federal Funds</i>	<i>Local or State Aid Funds</i>	<i>Proposed Construction Year</i>
2965	CSAH 7	\$450,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$250,000	2005
5121	CSAH 4	\$160,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$90,000	2005
7101	CSAH 17	\$120,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$95,000	2005
90254	CSAH 4	\$82,874	\$42,687	\$0	\$40,187	2005
90256	CSAH 4	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$50,000	2005
90285	CSAH 33	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$120,000	2005
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L7975	Posen/Wd Lk Twp T-147	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	2005
L7986	Fortier Twp T-198	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2005
L9127	Canby – Custer Ave	\$120,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$40,000	2005
87501	CSAH 3	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$100,000	2006
87502	CSAH 3	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$100,000	2006
87570	CSAH 3 (Rehab)	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$150,000	2006
90300	County Road A5	\$300,000	\$275,000	\$0	\$25,000	2006
L7931	Fortier/Norman Twp T-59	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	2006
L7935	Fortier Twp T-65	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2006
567	Norman Twp T-57	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2007
L7964	Wood Lk Twp T-107	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$5,000	2007
L9001	Sandnes Twp T-86	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2007

L7911	Burton Twp T-45	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L7970	Sioux Agency Twp T-125	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2008
L8999	Sandnes Twp T-93	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L9079	Lisbon Twp T-70	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$5,000	2008
L9926	Hammer Twp T-154	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$0	\$10,000	2008
L9004	Normania Twp T-75	\$130,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009
L9073	Stony Run Twp T-184	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009
L9399	Hammer Twp T-11	\$150,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$10,000	2009

FURTHERMORE, Yellow Medicine County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Yellow Medicine County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Carried.

Randy Jacobson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the transmission in the Taurus he uses is in need of repair/replacement. The vehicle has over 160,000 miles on it. He offered two quotes for used vehicles to replace the Taurus.

09-28-04-15 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Anderson to purchase a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Cleveland Chevrolet in Canby for \$9,900, plus tax. Carried.

Mr. Jacobson shared the contract with the UMRDC for comprehensive planning services and suggested some possible County representatives for the committee.

09-28-04-16 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Anderson to approve Commissioner's Warrants, as presented, totaling \$154,607.56 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$98,473.95. Carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Sherlin explained account documents being requested by Bear and Stearns, a broker used for investment services by the County.

09-28-04-17 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve the Bear and Stearns account documents. Carried.

Ms. Remiger shared some additional correspondence and reviewed informational items.

09-28-04-18 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m. Carried.

Witness:

Jane Remiger, Chair

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer