

**Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes**  
September 8, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this special meeting to order at 8:00 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and several department heads were also present.

This special meeting was called to discuss the 2007 budget.

Mr. Chattin stated that both a possible levy and deficit need to be determined so that the minimum total budget reduction could be identified.

Assessor Connie Erickson reviewed tax capacity numbers with the Board. Although the County's tax capacity has increase almost \$1 million in the last year, almost all of that number is due to increased valuation. Only a small percentage reflected new construction. It was estimated that a .8% levy increase would cover the increase due to new construction.

Engineer Andy Sander discussed aspects of his budget. Although it represents a \$705,000 deficit, he estimated that all but \$135,000 was coming out of surpluses that have been designated.

Family Services Director Peggy Heglund reviewed how cuts from other agencies and the federal government would impact her budget. The most significant impacts will come in 2008 or 2009.

Sheriff Bill Flaten reviewed the increased expenditures in his budget. The addition of a deputy to handle court security was the most significant increase.

The Board wanted to see how the various funds either grew or shrunk during the last several years and how those changes related to surplus or deficit budgets.

Assistant County Attorney Amanda Sieling discussed some issues with the veteran's plaza construction project.

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Witness:

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Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

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Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer