

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2010

Chairperson Jane Remiger called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 12:00 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 and Marshall Independent reporter Phillip Bock.

Approve Agenda 4-27-10-01 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Sherlin to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Senator Al Franken's staff representative Nate Arch to the citizen comments time; add national foster care month proclamation and an ARMER radio grant contract to the consent agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 4-27-10-02 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the consent agenda items as follows: minutes of the April 13, 2010, County Board meeting; Workforce Investment Act joint powers agreement; service agreement with Kvien Document Imaging, Inc.; proclamations recognizing May as national foster care month and mental health month and April as child abuse awareness month; Finance Committee recommendations: approval of the year end 2009 reserve fund balances and board designations as presented with all excess fund balance being designated for future expenditures, updates to the County Recorder's narrative as presented, changes to Policy 503 – Purchasing and Contract Protocol and Authority as presented; detour agreement number 96649 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation; ARMER radio grant contract number 9600000249 with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments Senator Al Franken's southern Minnesota field representative Nate Arch was present to introduce himself to the Board and to discuss an \$889,000 federal grant Senator Franken and Congressman Collin Peterson secured for a shoulder widening project on U.S. Highway 59 between Clarkfield and Marshall.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sherlin had no reports. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Prairie Lakes Youth Program and the County volunteer banquet. Commissioner Remiger reported on Countryside Public Health, the County Historical Society, Machinery Museum, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad, Finance Committee and RCRC. Commissioner Wambeke reported on the Finance Committee, Restorative Justice Advisory Committee and a police conferencing workshop. Commissioner Antony reported on the Yellow Bank Watershed and Southwest Regional Radio Board.

Department Reports None

Regular Agenda

Sentence to Service (STS) Funding 4-27-10-03 6W Corrections Director Midge Christianson met with the Board to discuss a reduction in State funding to the STS program. Also present for the discussion were County Sheriff Bill Flaten, County Jail Administrator Kathy Busack, Minnesota Department of Corrections District Supervisor Brad Odegard and STS Crew Leader Mike Martin. Currently one STS crew serves Yellow Medicine, Lac qui Parle and Chippewa Counties. The funding split for State fiscal year 2011 for one STS crew position was previously established as a 50/50 cost share between the MN Department of Corrections and the three counties. As a result of the recent passage of the State budget bill the Legislature reduced STS funding by 25%. In order to maintain the STS program the three counties would now need to contribute 75% of the cost of the program. Ms. Christianson informed the Board that Chippewa County had stated they were interested in providing the extra county contribution for the STS program. Lac qui Parle County voted to no longer participate in the program. With Lac qui Parle County no longer participating in the program and the decrease

in State funding the cost for the STS program would now go from \$12,664.83 per county to \$28,495.88 per county (assuming two counties participate). Administrator Krosch presented the Board with information showing the hours of service provided and the projects completed by the STS crew in Yellow Medicine County. Using 2009 STS hours as an example, Administrator Krosch pointed out that the per hour cost of the STS program to Yellow Medicine County under the new cost share with two counties participating would be almost \$63 per hour. Administrator Krosch recommended the County no longer participate in the STS program because he believed the County did not have enough work for the STS crew to justify the \$28,495 annual expense. There was also discussion about the possibility of charging a fee to non-county users of the STS to help pay for the cost. Ms. Christianson informed the Board that there is a 30 out clause in the STS contract where the participating counties can terminate the contract with or without cause. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve participation in the STS program for State fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) at cost share of 25% from the State Department of Corrections and 75% from Yellow Medicine County and at least one other county. Motion carried with Commissioners Antony, Wambeke, Remiger and Johnson voting in favor and Commissioner Sherlin voting against.

The Board recessed for a break at 1:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Public Hearing Chairperson Remiger called the public hearing to order to take comments on the proposed amendments to the Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. County Water Plan Coordinator Jolene Johnson and Water Task Force member Delmar Mamer presented the 2010 Water Plan Amendment Executive Summary to the Board. Water Plan Coordinator Johnson stated general comments were provided by Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), MN Department of Health and MN Department of Agriculture. No one was present at the hearing to provide comments. The Water Plan will be sent to the BWSR for review before the County Board can consider it for adoption.

Other Business None

Informational None

Approval of Disbursements/Review of Auditor's Warrants 4-27-10-04 Motion by Commissioner Sherlin and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Commissioner's warrants for the following amounts: \$23,659.06 Revenue Fund, \$23,066.48 Road and Bridge Fund, \$3,436.00 Ditch Fund; and acknowledge review of the Auditor's warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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

Adjourn 4-27-10-05 Motion by Commissioner Wambeke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Attest:


Jane Remiger, Chair


Lois Bonde, Auditor/Treasurer