

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

June 28, 2005

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with Commissioners Gary Johnson, Louis Sherlin, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin was also present. Robert Wolfington of the Marshall Independent and Dick Jepson of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune arrived shortly after the meeting started.

06-28-05-01 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the agenda with the addition of a deputy reassignment, three fireworks display applications to the consent agenda, a letter from Patricia Thoma, and a Canby wellhead protection letter and to approve the consent agenda including June 14, 2005 regular meeting minutes, June 14, 2005 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes, three additional appropriation requests as presented, and the fireworks applications as presented. Carried.

Mr. Anderson started Commissioner reports with updates on Planning Commission, camping issues at the fairgrounds, a Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting, an airport meeting, AMC Jail Summit, Drug Task Force, and a GIS mapping presentation. Mr. Antony discussed an ICS meeting and added comments on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting. Ms. Remiger also attended the airport and Comprehensive Plan Task Force meetings, a DNR GIS meeting, Minnesota River Wild and Scenic Byway, RCRC, and Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. Mr. Sherlin also attended the airport meeting and commented on Prairie Waters.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

Michelle Ascherman, 4-H Program Coordinator, and two of her volunteers addressed the Board on equipment damage at the fairgrounds. It was decided to removed 4-H equipment and store it in horse barn stalls. A checklist will also be created for organizations using the 4-H building and Mr. Sherlin will inspect equipment for damages, as needed.

Mr. Anderson recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

Randy Johnson, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and John Huntjens, applicant, discussed Mr. Huntjens' conditional use permit (CUP) application with the Board. Ms. Remiger declared a conflict on interest and withdrew from the conversation. The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the 94' by 192' addition to an existing dairy barn and a 130' by 240' by 8' earthen basin for manure storage, without conditions.

06-28-05-02 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Johnson to grant the Huntjens CUP without conditions. Carried, with Ms. Remiger abstaining.

Ditch Inspector John Kolhei discussed a JD #10/Timm Lake DNR proposal. Additional details will be forthcoming. He noted that ditch systems are generally in good shape. He also presented preliminary 2006 Ditch Repair Liens for the Board's review.

Assistant Engineer Steve Schaub presented three resolutions setting ditch hearings on July 26th.

06-28-05-03 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the following resolutions setting ditch hearings for July 26, 2005:

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department finds it is desirable and necessary to do work on a road designated as County State Aid Highway No. 4, and

WHEREAS, such work includes work on or the replacement of a single span steel beam bridge (old bridge no. 90254) located approximately 5-miles north of Canby, Minnesota, on the south side of Section 3, T115N, R45W, and

WHEREAS, the work on or replacement of said bridge will result in a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system designated as Judicial Ditch No. 1-A, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change is generally described as the replacement of old bridge no 90254, a single span steel beam bridge with 2-lines of 10' x 9' Precast Concrete Box Culverts, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the above named ditch system, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has presented his oral report supporting the above requests and pursuant to M.S. 163.17:

1. That the Judicial Ditch Authority for Judicial Ditch No. 1-A grant authority for the Engineer to proceed to make such alterations or changes at the sole cost and expense of Yellow Medicine County,

2. That said joint ditch authority determine and damages to be paid as a result of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Yellow Medicine County Auditor shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the proposed minor alteration or change.

2. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a plan showing in detail the proposed minor alteration or change.

3. That the plan to be on file with the County Engineer shall identify any persons damaged by the proposed minor alteration or change and the estimated amount of damages to such persons.

4. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a written opinion indicating that the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of Judicial Ditch No. 1-A.

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department finds it is desirable and necessary to do work on a road designated as County State Aid Highway No. 33, and

WHEREAS, such work includes work on or the replacement of a three span timber bridge (old bridge no. 90285) located approximately 3-miles northeast of Canby, Minnesota, near the northwest corner of Section 24, T115N, R45W, and

WHEREAS, the work on or replacement of said bridge will result in a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system designated as Yellow Medicine County Ditch No. 8, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change is generally described as the replacement of old bridge no 90285, a three span timber bridge with 2-lines of 14' x 7' Precast Concrete Box Culverts, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the above named ditch system, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has presented his oral report supporting the above requests and pursuant to M.S. 163.17:

1. That the Yellow Medicine County Ditch Authority for County Ditch No. 8

grant authority for the Engineer to proceed to make such alterations or changes at the sole cost and expense of Yellow Medicine County,

2. That said ditch authority determine and damages to be paid as a result of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Yellow Medicine County Auditor shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the proposed minor alteration or change.

2. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a plan showing in detail the proposed minor alteration or change.

3. That the plan to be on file with the County Engineer shall identify any persons damaged by the proposed minor alteration or change and the estimated amount of damages to such persons.

4. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a written opinion indicating that the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of County Ditch No. 8.

WHEREAS, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Department finds it is desirable and necessary to do work on a road designated as Posen Township Rd. No. T147, and

WHEREAS, such work includes work on or the replacement of a single span steel beam bridge (old bridge no. L-7975) located approximately 2-miles southwest of Wood Lake, Minnesota, near the northeast corner of Section 5, T113N, R39W, and

WHEREAS, the work on or replacement of said bridge will result in a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system designated as Lyon/Yellow Medicine Judicial Ditch No. 10, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change is generally described as the replacement of old bridge no L-7975, a single span steel beam bridge with 2-lines of 12' x 12' Precast Concrete Box Culverts, and

WHEREAS, the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the above named ditch system, and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has presented his oral report supporting the above requests and pursuant to M.S. 163.17:

1. That the Lyon/Yellow Medicine Joint Judicial Ditch Authority for Judicial Ditch No. 10 grant authority for the Engineer to proceed to make such alterations or changes at the sole cost and expense of Yellow Medicine County,

2. That said joint ditch authority determine and damages to be paid as a result of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Yellow Medicine County Auditor shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the proposed minor alteration or change.

2. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a plan showing in detail the proposed minor alteration or change.

3. That the plan to be on file with the County Engineer shall identify any persons damaged by the proposed minor alteration or change and the estimated amount of damages to such persons.

4. That 15 days prior to the day of the hearing, the Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer shall have on file in the Engineer's Office a written opinion indicating that the proposed minor alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of Judicial Ditch No. 10.

Carried.

Mr. Schaub presented a proposal to have bids opened at the highway department in the future. They could then be verified, tabulated, and summarized before being presented to the Board.

06-28-05-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt a new bid opening procedure where bids would be submitted to the engineer's office, publicly opened, tabulated, verified, and summarized for presentation to the County Board.

Carried, with Mr. Johnson voting against the motion.

06-28-05-05 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to set the bid opening for 6 bridge projects for 3:00 p.m. on August 3, 2005 at the Highway Department and set award of the bids for August 9, 2005 at the County Board meeting. Carried.

06-28-05-06 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to promote Bruce Iverson to Heavy Equipment Operator effective August 16, 2005. Carried.

Mr. Schaub reviewed current projects. Myron Hagelstrom, Parks Supervisor, presented some potential park rules and proposed penalties. Several additional rules were also presented for consideration. Mr. Hagelstrom will have the proposed rules reviewed by other staff and presented to the Board at a later date. The Board was updated on several park activities. Mr. Hagelstrom also wanted a couple of Commissioners to join a tour of regional campgrounds to get a better idea of where the County wants to go with its campground.

Michelle Gatz, VSO/Emergency Management discussed the SAFER Grant. This FEMA grant could be used to hire a full-time Program Coordinator to coordinate fire departments within our region. The County is needed to sponsor the grant and be the employer of the position. It was suggested that prospects should be firemen and they would also assist with NIMS certification. There was much discussion on employee versus independent contractor and the limited term of the funding.

06-28-05-07 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to be the sponsor for the SAFER grant and, if awarded and funded, the County would employ the full-time Program Coordinator as a County employee only for as long as the SAFER grant covers all employee costs and associated program expenses with the position eliminated when funding terminates. Carried.

The Labor Management Committee is recommending that the County's Agent of Record be changed from LeRoy Frank to Bill Chukuske Insurance Services. There was much discussion over the committee's reasons for making the recommendation and debate over keeping those services within the County. A motion was made and seconded to make the change but both the motion and second were withdrawn after further discussion.

06-28-05-08 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to table the Agent of Record decision until July 26, 2005 and to solicit proposals from Mr. Chukuske and Mr. Frank detailing the services they would provide and their applicable charges. Carried.

Sheriff Rich Rollins presented a request by Deputy Travis Peterson to be temporarily reassigned to the Drug Task Force.

06-28-05-09 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve the reassignment of Deputy Travis Peterson to the Drug Task Force for a period of 2 years, starting July 16, 2005, with all employee costs covered by the Task Force during that time. Carried.

06-28-05-10 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to advertise for a temporary Deputy to fill Deputy Peterson's position during his reassignment. Carried.

A letter from Patricia Thoma, informing the Board that she may be interested in selling her house, was considered. Mr. Chattin will contact Ms. Thoma and obtain additional details.

06-28-05-11 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve Commissioner's Warrants totaling \$89,011.86, as presented, and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$1,697,468.23. Carried.

Two bids received for a 2001 Taurus being sold by Family Services were opened.

06-28-05-12 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to accept the bid of Micheal Martin in the amount of \$3,155 for the 2001 Taurus. Carried, with Mr. Johnson voting against the motion.

06-28-05-13 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer