

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2026

Chairman Mitch Kling 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 and Greg Renneke also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 01-20-26-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 01-20-26-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: January 6, 2026 County Board meeting minutes; Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$13,876; permanent status for employee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Nijie Nauden, Restorative Justice Program Assistant, was introduced to the board.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 01-20-26-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$33,690.32 Ditch Fund, \$206,012.49 Revenue Fund, \$9,659.86 Road & Bridge Fund, \$145,116.72 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.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Berends reported on PrimeWest Health and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner Kack reported on Canby DAC. Commissioner Renneke reported on the Minnesota Machinery Museum. Commissioner Kling reported on Pioneerland Library System. Commissioner Antony reported on Canby DAC, 6W Community Corrections and Pact for Families.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Bridge Replacement Bids 01-20-26-04 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the low bid from R and G Construction Co. in the amount of \$882,329.30 for projects SAP 087-599-145 and SAP 087-599-147. Six other bids were received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Grant Contract Agreement 01-20-26-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Grant Contract Agreement with the State of Minnesota. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Gravel Pit Scale System 01-20-26-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the purchase of an updated gravel pit scale system from AWS in the amount of \$20,366. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Renneke and Kling voting in favor and Commissioner Berends voting against.

Planning Commission Appointments 01-20-26-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Mike Hinz, Gary Goplen, Charles Hoffman and Gordon Ferguson to the Planning Commission for three-year terms ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, gave an update.

Purchase of Service Contract 01-20-26-08 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with New Life Treatment Center for chemical dependency services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Mark Gruenes, County Attorney, gave an update.

Bill Flaten, Sheriff's Department, gave an update.

Medical Examiner Contract 01-20-26-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the Contract with Anoka County for Medical Examiner Services through December 31, 2030. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, gave an update.

AFSCME Highway Labor Contract 01-20-26-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the AFSCME Highway Labor Contract for 2026-2028. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

AFSCME Courthouse Labor Contract 01-20-26-11 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the AFSCME Courthouse Labor Contract for 2026-2028. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational July to December 2025 Vendor Payment Reports

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

Chair Kling adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Witness: Mitch Kling, Chair

Attest: Angie Steinbach, County Administrator