

**YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Mitch Kling and Greg Renneke also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine. Commissioners Ron Antony and Glen Kack were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda 09-23-25-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 09-23-25-02 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: September 9, 2025 County Board meeting minutes; PLSS Project Agreement with ProWest; permanent status for employees; resignation of Scott Parsons, Highway Maintenance Worker; replace Highway Maintenance Worker. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-23-25-03 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$48,401.05 Ditch Fund, \$41,727.06 Revenue Fund, \$107,595.47 Road & Bridge Fund, \$86,048.91 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 Kling reported on Union Negotiations meeting, Pioneerland Library System, Comprehensive Plan meeting, Historical Society and ditch meeting. Commissioner Renneke reported on a road closure concern. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Program and Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (TAC meeting). Commissioner Kack reported on Canby DAC, Prairie Five, CEE-VI Task Force and Western Mental Health Center.

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

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

Amanda Stengel, Danielle Engstrom and Mollie Londgren, Child Support Unit, presented to the board.

Commissioner Kack joined the meeting.

Janel Timm, Property and Public Services, gave an update.

Exempt Gambling Permit 09-23-25-04 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Resolution #26-2025 which approves off-site gambling for Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center on January 17, 2026. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Historical Museum Roof Repair 09-23-25-05 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the low quote from J&M Home Improvement Specialists LLC in the amount of \$3,240 for a section of roof repair at the Historical Society. One other quote was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #27-2025 09-23-25-06 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Resolution #27-2025 which designates the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission as Implementing Entity for the Yellow Medicine County Commercial PACE Loan Program and to authorize execution of the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board reviewed the Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority flyer.

Canby Sportsmen's Club, Inc. Agreement 09-23-25-07 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Agreement between The Canby Sportsmen's Club, Inc. and Yellow Medicine County and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Quit Claim Deed. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:38 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, discussed the budget.

The board reviewed the 2026 health and dental plans.

Health Insurance 09-23-25-08 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to accept the renewal from The Better Health Collective for health insurance in 2026. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dental Insurance 09-23-25-09 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve a 5% premium rate increase for dental insurance for 2026. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Meeting 09-23-25-10 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to close the meeting at 11:22 a.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance Manager Dana Homan, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and Human Resources Manager Ashley Soine. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Open Meeting 09-23-25-11 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Kling to open the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Adjourn 09-23-25-12 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

John Berends, Chair

Attest:

Angie Steinbach, County Administrator