

LEGAL NOTICE

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Ron Antony, Greg Renneke and Glen Kack also present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Mark Gruenes and HR Manager Ashley Soine.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consent Agenda 09-09-25-02 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 26, 2025 County Board meeting minutes; resignation of Tony Gielczyk, Case Aide (Financial Unit); Contract for Election Services for Lakeview School District Special Election 2026 Countryside Public Health Agreement for Tobacco Compliance Checks. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor’s Warrants 09-09-25-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$43,292.98 Ditch Fund, \$29,303.32 Revenue Fund, \$16,438.68 Road & Bridge Fund, \$43,235.55 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 Antony reported on 6W Community Corrections, Emergency Communication Board, State Finance Board, Housing Redevelopment Authority, Union Negotiation Committee and Finance Committee. Commissioner Kling reported on 6W Community Corrections, Union Negotiation Committee, Finance Committee, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water and citizen complaint. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack reported on Area II/RCRCA. Commissioner Berends reported on PrimeWest Health.

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

Dennis Pederson, IT Department and Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, discussed the Minnesota Counties HHS Data Depot Initiative.

HHS Data Depot 09-09-25-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve implementing the Data Depot in Yellow Medicine County. The start-up funds will come out of the 2025 budget and the Family Services Director or County Administrator are authorized to execute the contract. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The Family Service request for a Case Aide position was removed from the agenda.

Jason Overby, General Manager of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, presented the 2024 Audit Review.

LPRW JPA 09-09-25-05 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the counties served by Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System to guarantee the payment of General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

MN Dept of Children, Youth and Families Grant Contract 09-09-25-06 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families Grant Contract in the amount of \$167,077.06 from 8/1/25 to 1/31/27 to hire a full-time Circle Facilitator. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:26 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Dan Moravetz, Tony Sather and Andy Lee, Highway Department, gave an update.

Rick Wandersee, Maintenance Department, gave an update.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, discussed the budget.

Ashley Soine, HR Manager, discussed Minnesota Paid Family Leave.

Preliminary Levy 09-09-25-07 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to increase the 2026 net tax levy by 8.86% for a total preliminary 2026 net levy of \$14,890,488 and a gross levy of \$15,638,451. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Close Meeting 09-09-25-08 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to close the meeting at 12:44 p.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 09-09-25-09 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Kack to open the meeting at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 1:48 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

Chris Balfany, Land and Resource Management, gave an update.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Adjourn 09-09-25-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:	Attest:
John Berends, Chair	Angie Steinbach, County Administrator