

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 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 02-03-26-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 02-03-26-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the consent agenda items as follows: January 20, 2026 County Board meeting minutes; County Fairgrounds Property Management quarterly update and payment request from EMK Properties, LLC in the amount of \$1,375. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 02-03-26-03 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$65,890.60 Ditch Fund, \$136,190.19 Revenue Fund, \$7,706.01 Road & Bridge Fund, \$14,475.65 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 Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Emergency Communication Board, DNR meeting and Counties Providing Technology. Commissioner Kling reported on DNR meeting, Planning Commission, Soil and Water Conservation District, Safety Committee and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Commissioner Renneke had no reports. Commissioner Kack reported on Western Mental Health Center and Prairie Five. Commissioner Berends reported on Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership and Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission.

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

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

Dakota Haugen, Devin DeVos and Kris Wilke, Highway Maintenance Workers, were introduced to the board.

Rick Wandersee, Maintenance Department, gave an update.

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-656-26, Braden French, Cottonwood, MN 02-03-26-04 Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to expand an existing feedlot, with the construction of a 2,400 head finishing barn. Manure storage will consist of an eight foot (8') deep pit below the barn. The site is in the Rural Preservation Management District, on parcel #02-023-2031; in the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter (SW¼ NW¼) of Section 23 in Echo Township, T-113-N R-38-W. A conditional use permit is required from the Yellow Medicine County Land and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VII, Subdivision 10.0, which requires a Conditional Use permit for the expansion of a feedlot to over 500 animal units and within ½ mile of a residence.

Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-656-26 for Braden French with the following conditions:

1. Pit and/or feed additives shall be used to control odor
2. Trees shall be planted on the north and east of the barns as presented on the site drawing submitted with the request.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Request for Penalty Waiver 02-03-26-05 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to deny the request for a penalty waiver for American Properties, LLC (PID 31-473-0201) in the amount of \$99.05. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

HRA Appointment 02-03-26-06 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to reappoint Kelly Erp to a five-year term as commissioner on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Yellow Medicine County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dana Homan, Finance Manager, gave an update.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Chair Kling adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Witness: Mitch Kling, Chair

Attest: Angie Steinbach, County Administrator