

LEGAL NOTICE

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 04-09-24-01 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 04-09-24-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 26, 2024 County Board meeting minutes; County Fair grounds Property Management quarterly update and payment request in the amount of \$1,437.50 for Doug Waltz; Contractor's Application for Payment for KUE Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$31,888.65 for the Highway building project; permanent status for employee; hiring of Danielle Engstrom as a part-time Administrative Specialist in Family Services, her salary will be grade 7, step 5, her start date is April 23, 2024; resignation of Kassie Sweetman, Correctional Officer/Dispatcher; replacement of Correctional Officer/Dispatcher position. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 04-09-24-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$0 Ditch Fund, \$52,468.83 Revenue Fund, \$52,682.04 Road & Bridge Fund, \$127,081.89 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 Emergency Communication Board, Chemical Health Coalition, ditch meeting, 6W Community Corrections, Counties Providing Technology and PrimeWest Health. Commissioner Kling reported on ditch meeting and Soil and Water Conservation District. Commissioner Renneke reported on ditch meeting and land meeting. Commissioner Kack reported on land meeting, Area II/RCRCA and citizen complaint. Commissioner Berends reported on Area Transportation Partnership and 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

Sharon Hendrichs, Restorative Justice, gave an update.

Jolene Johnson, Land and Resource Management, gave an update.

Noxious Weed List Update 04-09-24-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #14-2024 which requests that the Minnesota Department of Agriculture add Kochia to the County Noxious Weed List. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Abatement 04-09-24-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the tax abatement request for parcel number 34-300-4101, Avera Granite Falls, due to a market value correction. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Abatement 04-09-24-06 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the tax abatement request for parcel number 31-540-0107, Mary Anne O'Reilly, due to a misclassified homestead status. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Letter of Support 04-09-24-07 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Granite Falls for their Streetscape Project on Prentice Street. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Forfeited Property 04-09-24-08 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve Resolution #15-2024 which authorizes the repurchase of tax forfeited land to Tracy Kocher at 21 2nd Ave. E. Echo, MN (parcel 33-410-0410). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed at 10:30 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

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

Chair Renneke closed the meeting at 11:46 a.m. The meeting was closed under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 to discuss the possible purchase of property. Those present were the County Board members, County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance Manager Dana Homan, County Attorney Mark Gruenes, Assistant County Engineer Dan Moravetz and Human Resources Manager Ashley Soine.

Chair Renneke opened the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Letter of Support 04-09-24-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Letter of Support for WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) as they apply for a grant. 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 04-09-24-10 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Berends to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:

Angie Steinbach, County Administrator