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YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 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 05-14-24-01 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 05-14-24-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: April 23, 2024 County Board meeting minutes; Annual GIS Maintenance Licensing from Esri in the amount of $8,999; replace Furnace for Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds in the amount of $11,680 from C.A.S. Plumbing and Heating; rehire Kris Wilke for the Seasonal Highway position, his salary will be grade 4, step 2, his start date is June 3, 2024; MN Department of Public Safety Firearms Storage Grant Program in the amount of $1,939. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 05-14-24-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: $85,362.72 Ditch Fund, $139,115.06 Revenue Fund, $37,804.11 Road & Bridge Fund, $146,232.56 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 meetings, MCIT Cyber Security meeting, 6W Community Corrections, Inoperability Conference and Counties Providing Technology. Commissioner Kling reported on 6W Community Corrections, Prairie Waters, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water and Soil and Water Conservation District. Commissioner Renneke reported on possible land acquisition meeting and Department Head meeting. Commissioner Kack reported on Fair Board, Prairie Five, Area II/RCRCA and possible land acquisition meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, PrimeWest, Countryside Public Health and Yellowstone Trail.

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

Habitat Easement Acquisition 05-14-24-04 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to certify the acquisition of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service habitat easement from David Gunderson. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Trisha Sheehan and Alicia Webb, U of M Extension, presented to the board.

U of M Extension Agreement Addendum 05-14-24-05 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the addendum to the U of M Extension Agreement which provides Extension programs locally and employs Extension staff (specifically a summer intern). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Laura Milbrandt and Erick Hedman, Prairie Five Meals Program, presented to the board.

Gambling Permit 05-14-24-06 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to approve Resolution #17-2024 which approves the off-site gambling permit for Ride 2 Remember at The Rock on August 10, 2024. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed at 10:08 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

The board discussed an Xcel Energy Solar Project with the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission. The consensus was to move forward with compiling more information.

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

The board discussed a turnback parcel from the Highway 23 Project. The consensus was to move forward with the process.

Property Use Agreement 05-14-24-07 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Property Use Agreement with R & G Construction Co. (Clarkfield Highway Shop). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Invasive Species Removal Grant 05-14-24-08 Motion by Commissioner Kling and seconded by Commissioner Antony to authorize the Highway Department to apply for a Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot (HELP) grant from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources with a match up to $10,000 (ARPA funds). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Renneke closed the meeting at 11:03 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.

Open Meeting 05-14-24-09 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kling to open the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board reviewed the Spyglass savings analysis and the consensus was to not move forward.

Other Business None

Informational None

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

Adjourn 05-14-24-10 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:	Attest:
Greg Renneke, Chair	Angie Steinbach, County Administrator

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