

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

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Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agendas as amended (Murray, Seal), carried.
2. The Minutes of January 08, 2002, as corrected, were approved on the Consent Agenda.
3. It was moved and seconded to do a condensed version of the board minutes for publication on a trial basis for three months (Johannsen, Murray), carried.

Open Forum - No Items

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Highway Agenda as amended (Winter, Murray), carried.
2. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda: Resolution No. DOH 01-01-03, approving to contract with Roger Lundberg and Martin Berens for beaver control; Resolution No. DOH 01-02-04, approving the purchase of (2) workstation systems for the Engineering Technician iii and the Construction Manager in the amount of \$4,600; Resolution No. DOH 01-02-07, authorizing the County Engineer to develop specifications, advertise and let bids for a 4x4 Extend Hoe, Back Hoe; and Resolution No. DOH 01-02-10, authorizing the County Engineer to attend the annual NACE Conference in San Diego, CA. on March 24-28, 2002.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. DOH 01-02-05, authorizing the County Engineer to purchase (1) 3/4 Ton 4x2 Pickup by means of State Bid for \$16,271, plus tax, less \$1,000 class action settlement (Murray, Winter), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. DOH 01-02-06, authorizing the County Engineer to purchase (1) 1/2 Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup by means of State Bid for \$20,800, plus tax, less \$1,000 class action settlement (Murray, Winter), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to hold Resolution No. DOH 01-02-08 for two weeks for further research and bring back to the Board for approval (Murray, Winter), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve to advertise for a Maintenance Worker (Winter, Seal), carried. Johannsen voting nay.
7. An Update on the Federal Aid Project was given.

Soil & Water

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-02-1B, authorizing application, match and signature of the Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant for Calendar Years 2002-2003 pursuant to MN Stat. Chapter 103B (Murray, Seal), carried. Winter abstaining. An added comment from Commissioner Murray: If all departments worked as hard as Soil & Water to save money, there wouldn't be budget problems.

Finance

1. The Financial Reports were accepted and the Claims, with addition, were approved on the Consent Agenda.

IT

1. The request for replacement of two computers: (1) desktop model, and (1) portable model for the IT Department Staff, not to exceed \$4,200, was approved on the consent agenda.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a Gambling Permit for Height of Land Sportsman's Club for operations at their club in Height of Land Twp. (Johannsen, Murray), carried.

Sheriff

1. The Year End Reports will be presented at the February 12, Board Meeting.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve to reimburse the Sheriff's Department employees recently traveling out of state at the higher meal rate of \$42 per day as they were not aware of the new Travel Policy (Murray, Seal), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Winter, Murray), carried.
2. Cabin Trespass. It was moved and seconded to concur with the NRM Committee to approve that the county sell the 60' X 315' parcel (Parcel B) through the alternate land sale process and provide an easement across Tax-forfeited land for access purposes to Todd S & Deborah J Powers (Winter, Murray), carried. Johannsen voting nay.
3. It was moved and seconded to concur with the NRM Administrator to approve to set aside 52 acres in Becker County to be designated as "Old Growth Forests" (Johannsen, Winter), carried. Members of the Resource Stewardship Assn. were present to speak to the Board about their concerns for better communication between the NRM Office and their organization.
4. The request for a software purchase from TSM & M was sent back to the NRM Committee for their approval.

Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Pay Equity Report on behalf of Becker County (Seal, Murray), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to follow the practice of employee's right to use earned sick leave, vacation days and comptime before the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is enacted (Johannsen, Murray), carried.

Human Services

1. It is moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Seal, Johannsen), carried.
2. Its was moved and seconded to pass a Resolution to purchase a bus for Becker County Transit and to follow the recommendation of the Transit staff to purchase the vehicle from Minnesota Body and Equipment Company for the approximate cost of \$47,000, with cost allocated at 20% local share and 80% State/Federal share (Seal, Johannsen), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Clay County Commuter Contract at \$10,000 (Seal, Murray), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to authorize Becker County Human Services to manage the volunteer drivers and administrate the grant dollars for Becker County Transit (Seal, Johannsen), carried.
5. Transit Claims were approved and the Public Assistance Caseload Trend Report and Transit Statistics were accepted on the Consent Agenda.
6. The following Purchase of Service Contracts were approved:
 - a. Lakeland Mental Health, Outpatient and Emergency Services (Winter, Murray), carried.
 - b. Lakeland Mental Health, CSP Program, Rule 14 (Seal, Johannsen), carried.
 - c. Barbara VanOffern Group Home, Adult Foster Care; Bonnie Storm Waivered Services; Stellher Day Treatment; CAPPI Program (Seal, Murray), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-02-2D, in support of partnering with the State of Minnesota and other private and public entities to expand community-based psychiatric services for the people of Becker County and the surrounding area, and the application to the Dakota Medical Foundation for financial assistance to achieve the mutual goals of Becker County and its partners in the development of community-based psychiatric services (Johannsen, Seal), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims with addition (Murray, Johannsen), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Applications (Murray, Seal), carried.

Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a. Meeting with the Governor of Minnesota, Commissioner Murray
 - b. Legislative Meeting, Chamber sponsored, Commissioner Seal
2. Appointments:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to support Commissioner Winter's appointment to the District IV Transportation Task Force (Murray, Seal), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to appoint Paul Joyce to the EDA Board for a 6-year term (Seal, Murray), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to appoint Lori Groteness to the HRA Board (Seal, Murray), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to appoint Marj Johnson to the Lakeland Mental Health Board (Seal, Murray), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Committee Assignment List as submitted with the addition that the person assigned to a committee may choose an alternate commissioner if needed (Winter, Johannsen), carried. Commissioner Engebretson, Board Chair, thanked Commissioner Winter for returning his Committee List to her on time.
5. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-02-2C, that pursuant to MN Stat. Ss. 176.011, Subd. 9 (6), all officers of Becker County who are elected or appointed to a regular term of office, or to complete the unexpired portion of a regular term, shall be included within the definition of "employee" for purpose of coverage under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of MN. (Winter, Murray), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioners attendance at the following meetings:

MN Drive-In Transportation Meeting, Thursday, February 7, 2002, St. Paul, MN (Murray, Seal), carried.
Extension Office Meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 2002, 7:00 p.m., Mahnomon, MN (Murray, Seal), carried.
Corridor Meeting in Park Rapids (Murray, Seal), carried.

7. It was moved and seconded to not support the request from Rinke Noonan, Attorneys at Law, concerning FEMA denying disaster benefits to Public Drainage Authorities (Murray, Seal), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to reaffirm Resolution No. 05-01-3B authorizing the appointment of Joe Evans as a full-time County Attorney for Becker County, and under MN Stat Sec. 388.18, the minimum salary payable to a county attorney in a county with a population of 30,000 but less than 40,000 is \$7,000 (Murray, Seal), carried. Johannsen voting nay.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve to order a sign plate for JoAnn Kunz, Deputy Treasurer, so checks can be signed (Murray, Winter), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve to contract with the Yeater, Hennings, Ruff (YHR) Architectural Firm for remodeling the Clerk of Court Offices (Murray, Winter), carried.
11. EDA/HRA. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-01-2E, approving submission of the Home Rental Rehab Program Administration Authority for Rental Rehabilitation in Becker County to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) (Winter, Murray), carried.

Environmental Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Murray, Seal), carried.
2. The Household Hazardous Waste Report was discussed.
3. An update was given on the changes in the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Planning Commission Minutes (PC) of January 15, 2002:
 - 1) FIRST ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers. Duane Grossman is the new Chairman for the Year of 2002. James Kovala is the new Vice Chairman for the year of 2002. Jeff Moritz is the new Secretary for the year of 2002.
 - 2) SECOND ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: Ford Hermanson, Detroit Twp. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and the preliminary plat consisting of (6) lots based on the fact the plat is compatible with the surrounding area and meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Murray, Johannsen), carried.
 - 3) THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Informational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 2:30 a.m. at the Environmental Services Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Al Roder
Al Roder
County Administrator

/s/ Carolyn Engebretson
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Board Chair