

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, October 08, 2002 at 7:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

#### Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the consent Agenda with the removal of the Minutes of September 24, 2002 (Murray, Seal), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2002, as corrected, and with the removal of No. 4, under the Sheriff's Department for clarification (Seal, Murray), carried. Upon the advice of the County Attorney, a note was added to the publication of these minutes regarding this Item No. 4 not being formally approved. This will be addressed at the October 22, 2002 Board Meeting.

#### Open Forum

Bob Bristlin read from a copy of an e-mail from Commissioner Engebretson sent to Ryan Tangen in answer to questions he had about the hiring of a County Administrator. Bristlin quizzed some commissioners about their knowledge of this e-mail, and they were aware of its existence. He also asked who Jim Mulder was as he was mentioned in the e-mail. Commissioner Engebretson answered that Jim is the Executive Director of AMC, and had offered to help with the interview process. She felt that the e-mail had been taken out of context, was not the intent of the letter, and she would never do anything to circumvent the process.

Lester Ristinen asked for a copy of the above e-mail letter. He suggested to hold off hiring a new County Administrator until the new Board is in place. Ristinen asked to vacate old Hwy. 38. Commissioner Winter is working with Joe Evans, County Attorney, to set up a meeting with Steve Skoog to discuss Ristinen's previous request for having his property surveyed by the county. Commissioner Johannsen asked if Lester will be at the meeting, and Roger stated an initial meeting should take place first. Ristinen also asked the Board if they were going ahead with hiring a County Administrator. Commissioner Engebretson stated yes, they are in the middle of the hiring now, and will continue with the process.

#### Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services and Transit Claims (Murray, Seal), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pay the Claims, including partial payment of claim from Highway (Murray, Winter), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the IT Capital Purchases of \$12,850 to update the web to block unauthorized access (Seal, Murray), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Budget to Actual Report (Winter, Murray), carried.

#### Auditor

It was moved and seconded to approve the following Tobacco Licenses (Murray, Johannsen), carried. Richard Bartelt, Four Corners, Erie Twp.; Randy Blanford, Tamarac Resort & Campground, Sugar Bush Twp.; Fred Brower, Cedar Crest Resort, Maple Grove Twp.; David Coalwell, Highway 59 Store, Detroit Twp.; Wayne Crawford, Sunlite Bar & Grill, Detroit Twp.; Timothy Eischens, Two Inlets Country Store, Two Inlets Twp.; Shirley Kalberer, County 6 Amoco & Bait, Lake View Twp.; Richard Lesage, Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Twp.; Roger Nelson, Elbow Lake Store & Bar, Round Lake Twp.; Edmund Theisen, Wakanda Resort, Shell Lake Twp.

## Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Seal, Murray), carried.
2. Matt discussed the important points of the Safety Net Redesign Project and presented a draft copy of a Results Initiative Compact. It was moved and seconded to approve the draft copy. This will be brought back to the board for formal approval upon receipt of a copy from DHS (Seal, Winter), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve a Purchase of Service Contract with Betty Schonharat Foster Home for Adult Foster Care (Johannsen, Winter ), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve a Purchase of Service Contract with Waubun School District, Mahnomen County Collaborative, Stellher Human Services, and Becker County Human Services to provide Family Community Support Services to Becker County student attending Waubun Schools (Johannsen, Seal), carried.
5. There was discussion of placement of a social worker in schools. Matt stated there is a day treatment program in place. Commissioner Murray stated that other schools in the county may need a social worker, and the school system should be involved.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services and Probation Placement Reports (Seal, Murray), carried.

## Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a. MCIT Meeting, Commissioner Murray
2. Appointment:
  - a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Ken Fett to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee, filling Kevin Bartel's term on the Winter Trails Advisory Committee. Term to expire March 31, 2003 (Murray, Johannsen), carried.
3. The Fair Board presented a report to update the Board on improvements that have been made to the Fair Grounds and those that are still needed. Commissioner Winter thanked the Fair Board for the work they do throughout the year, and supported having the Budget Committee look at increasing the Fair Budget by \$15,000.
4. It was moved and seconded to send a letter of appreciation to the Fair Board for their work and dedication (Winter, Seal), carried.
5. Doug Conway, IT Dept., gave a report on the state of recovery of the County computer problem. The Web Site went down, and he has re-installed a new domain to correct the problems. Doug felt that 75% to 80% were up now.
6. It was moved and seconded to request Doug Conway, IT Dept. to contact other Counties, Schools and Cities within a 100 mile radius to find out if there is an interest to establish a computer mutual aid program to share technicians in times of crisis (Murray, Seal), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to establish a committee to form a list of departments that would be a priority to get up and running in the event of another computer crisis (Murray, Winter), carried.
8. The next interviewing for the County Administrator will be on Monday, October 28, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Three persons have been chosen for this second interview. Ryan Tangen asked what the intent of the Board was going to be concerning this second interview. He felt the current

Board doing the selection would be an asset to the new Administrator. Curt Sitko, Becker County Free Press, stated he was not in favor of this process and compared it to the Jail Project. Board Chair, Carolyn Engebretson, asked the intent of the Board: Commissioner Murray – Proceed with the interview process; Commissioner Seal – Proceed with the interview process; Commissioner Johannsen – Proceed, with discussion afterwards; Commissioner Winter – Proceed, with positive attitude. It was moved and seconded to proceed with the interview process on Monday, October 28, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. (Murray, Seal), carried. Johannsen voting nay.

9. It was moved and seconded to move forward with the evaluation of the Ag Inspector by having Nancy Grabanski, Human Resources, send letters to the County Townships (Winter, Murray), carried.
10. There was discussion of road construction on Co. Highways 21 and 224.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Keith Brekken  
Keith Brekken  
County Auditor

/s/ Carolyn Engebretson  
Carolyn Engebretson  
Board Chair