

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: November 09, 2004 at 8:15 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2004 as presented (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

Open Forum

Lester Ristinen, Co-Chair, True County Assessment Committee, presented handouts to the Board listing assessment costs of surrounding counties. Lester feels that the county should have their assessors as county employees. Commissioner Salminen serves on this committee and said most Townships want their own assessors. Clarence Suvanto asked if Lester had mentioned Becker County's assessment costs. Board Chairman Winter told Lester to contact Brian C. Berg, County Administrator, for additional information. Don Wahl talked about the Spruce Grove Twp. Meeting last night and that more support was gained.

Public Hearing/EDA/Tax Abatement Request/Emmanuel Nursing Home

1. It was moved and seconded to open the Public Hearing at 8:30 a.m. for discussion of the Tax abatement. Lana Fralich gave an update on the process followed by the EDA Office; and Janet Green gave an update of the Emmanuel Community. They are requesting a tax abatement for the first five years. Ann Gerlack, spoke in favor of the abatement. No one spoke against. It was moved and seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:45 a.m. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for a property tax abatement as stated on Resolution No. 11-04-1A. The proposed term of the abatement will be for five years in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. It will apply to 90% of the County's share of the property taxes derived from the property described as Parcel ID #R490079000 (Bristlin, Engebretson), carried.

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims as amended (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Change Order from Lightowler Johnson Associated, Inc. as requested to correct inadequate drain tile at the cost of \$354.10 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. The final paperwork for the bond issuance for the Sunnyside Care Center Remodel Project was presented and signed.
4. The Management Discussion and Analysis Document in regard to GASB34 was discussed, and all agreed that the changes make it easier for non-governmental individuals to read governmental audits.
5. Replacement of the current postage machine was discussed, and it was brought to Board attention that the current machine will not meet the digital requirements soon to be required by the postal service.
6. The Exit Interview for the Annual Audit was discussed and the information is attached.

Auditor/Public Hearing Mr. of Osage, Inc., Cynthia Knoll, Tommy's Toad Lake Store, Toad Lake Twp.

1. It was moved and seconded to Open the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m. (Engebretson, Bristlin), carried. There was no one speaking in favor or against the request for New Off/Sale Liquor License. Commissioner Engebretson expressed that the Toad Lake Town Board was concerned about parking. Mr. Knoll stated that there are two easements where parking could be addressed. It was moved and seconded to Close the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the New Off/Sale Liquor License for Mr. of Osage, Inc., Cynthia Knoll, Tommy's Toad Lake Store, Toad Lake Twp. (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

#### Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 11-04-1C, requesting that the amount of \$195,000 be reserved from the County State Aid Highway Construction Fund for the State Aid Project(s) listed: SAP 03-607-017; SAP 03-621-011 and SAP 03-615-007 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. Brad Wentz reminded the Board about the Highway Road Tour on Tuesday, November 16, 2004, and to meet at the Highway Department at 8:00 a.m.

## Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a. 2004 MCIT On-Site Risk Management Training will be held on November 10, at 8:30 at the Conference Room, Sheriff's Department, Brian C. Berg.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner's attendance at the MCIT Management Training on November 10, at 8:30 a.m., Sheriff's Conference Room (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner's attendance at the Environmental Services Solid Waste Cost Analysis Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
4. An invitation to lunch was given by the Event Committee Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 23, 2004.
5. The Lightowler, Johnson and Assoc. Change Order was approved at Finance.
6. Moratorium Exemption Request/Bear Paw Resort. Geno and Ann Moroz, owners of Bear Paw Resort, have a buyer who would like to build two cabins. They are asking the board for an exemption to the 6-month Moratorium to apply for a variance. The Board had received letters in favor of granting the exemption and one letter asking for an exemption if the Moroz's were granted one. The request was brought to the Board by Commissioner Engebretson. After a heated discussion, it was moved to approve the exemption request (Engebretson). Motion failed for lack of a second. Moratorium remains in effect.

## Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services and Probation Placement Reports (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the BCCI Joint Powers Agreement Amendment adding Becker County Community Health Board effective January 1, 2005 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Seaberg), carried.
5. The Energy Environmental Research Center did not attend the meeting.

Parks & Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. P 11-04-1B, awarding the bid for a Snowmobile Trail Groomer to Kassbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc in the amount of \$109,900 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

Negotiations

1. It was moved and seconded to close the meeting at 10:50 a.m. for negotiations (Salminen, Bristlin), carried. The meeting was opened at 12:00 p.m. (Seaberg, Engebretson), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after lunch.

/s/ Brian C. Berg  
Brian C. Berg  
County Administrator

/s/ Roger Winter  
Roger Winter  
Board Chair