

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2005 as presented (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Lee Berget, MN/DOT, gave an update to the board on the Welcome Center/Rest Area Concept Plan. This would be a combination facility: Minnesota Welcome Center, Transit Hub, Rest Area, Park & Ride, Tribal Museum and possibly a retail sales outlet for small promotional items by the tribe. MN/DOT is requesting that Becker County donate (2) parcels of Tax-Forfeit land--located 3 miles North on Hwy. 59, near Big Floyd Lake. It is proposed that MN/DOT and the White Earth Tribe will jointly own the facility. No action was taken by the Board at this time. The Board Chair thanked them for coming to the Board.
2. Open Forum:
 - a. Carolyn Engebretson addressed the Board on legislative issues concerning the MN Budget for 2005. She reminded the Board of the need to correspond with their legislators to make their voices heard.
3. Reports & Correspondence.
4. Appointments:
 - a. Commissioner Salminen, Board Chair, appointed Commissioner Nelson to the Extension Committee.
5. Meeting Attendance:
 - a. It was moved and seconded for any commissioner to attend the Open House at Sunnyside Nursing Home on February 13, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded for any commissioner to attend the Public Information sessions to be held concerning the Court House Expansion and to advertise the meeting dates of Tuesday, February 22, 2005 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 03, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

6. It was moved and seconded to authorize Commissioner Salminen, Board Chair, to sign the Soil & Water 2005 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
7. Commissioner Salminen, Board Chair, asked that the Open Forum Guidelines be copied for the County Board and placed in the Board Room.

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims as presented (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
2. Human Services presented Personnel requests to the Finance Committee and this will be addressed under Human Services on the Agenda. Commissioner Bristlin motioned to approve, Commissioner Nelson seconded, and the motions were withdrawn.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to update the CertiChex System for the County Treasurer at the approximate cost of \$1,100 (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
4. The Becker County Cash Comparisons were reviewed.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to update the RAM on the AS400 to accommodate the new software packages: Additional memory will cost \$440, and the 30-hour consultant contract will cost \$3,900 (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve to hire an intern from the Networking Support Program at the Detroit Lakes Technical College to help with networking support (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-1C, approving Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premise Permit Application for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MN Chapter for operations at: Broken Wheel 3, effective March 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Auditor to sell Tax-Forfeit Parcel #E1.0006.085 to the City of Lake Park for the sum of \$1 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Sheriff

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of (2) Squad Cars for the Sheriff's Department at the low bid price of \$21,672 for the 2004 Crown Victoria and \$17,803.45 for the 2004 Chevrolet Impala (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

NRM

It was moved and seconded to approve to move forward to hire a consultant to facilitate and execute group implementation of third-party forest certification for seven (7) northern Minnesota counties (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

Highway

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-1G, Cooperative Construction Project Agreement between Becker County and Otter Tail County to complete a joint project on County State Aid Highways No. 70 and Highway No. 75 in 2005 (Otter Tail County); and County State Aid Highways No. 39, No. 40 and No. 49 in 2005 (Becker County) (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Amendment to the Dakota Medical Foundation Grant to extend the grant to continue the Shared-Care Psychiatry Program (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-1F, to fill a Full-time Support Enforcement Aide position in the Human Services Department due to a resignation and to hire from the Merit System Pool (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-1E, to create a permanent Full-time Foster Care Specialist position and to interview and hire from the Merit System Pool List (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Purchase of Services Contracts (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Blue Sky Inc.	Lakes Homes & Program Development Waivered Services
West Home	Lakes Homes & Program Development Adult Foster Care
Barbara VanOfferen Home	Becker County Development Achievement Center

6. It was moved and seconded to support the American Indian Child Welfare Project and to send a letter of support to Commissioner Goodno, Department of Human Services of Minnesota (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services and Probation Placement Reports (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to authorize Matt Casey, Director, Human Services, to move ahead with the amendment to the grant agreement for two initiatives related to childhood immunizations (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to continue with the Immunization Registry Contract (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Public Health Preparedness Grant from January 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005 (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the reimbursement for additional services provided in the public health clinic or other public setting by submitting to Blue Plus Public Programs (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
13. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
14. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-1D, to create a permanent part-time Transit Bus Driver due to increased hours of scheduled service and to interview and hire a permanent part-time Transit Bus Driver (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
15. An update was given on the Transit Building Grant received.
16. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

County Attorney – Lake St. Clair

The County Attorney reviewed the history of St. Clair Lake. Tera Guetter, of the Pelican River Watershed District, requested at an earlier Board Meeting (11-23-04) that the Board consider the adoption of an ordinance that would prohibit all boating on St. Clair Lake to maintain the integrity of the alum barrier. After consideration by the County Board, they moved and seconded to pass Resolution 02-05-1H, expressing to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. was selected as the date of the Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Enact a County Ordinance to Prohibit the Operation of Motorized Watercraft on St. Clair Lake (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Closed Session at 11:15 a.m. It was moved and seconded to close the meeting (Bristlin, Mulari), carried. Tax Court Litigation was discussed. Open Session at 11:30 a.m. It was moved and seconded to open the meeting (Bristlin, Knutson), carried. A letter of support of settlement to the County Attorney was the consensus of the Board.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatement (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

2004 Tax Payable

Parcel #	Twn/City	Amount	Reason
32.8399.000	Sugar Bush	\$178	Correction
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Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to send the Group Care Facility Section of the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and study and than bring back to the County Board with a recommendation (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
2. County Board Appointments to the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission. Harry Salminen recommended Steve Spaeth to the Board of Adjustments; Commissioner Knutson recommended Al Chirpich to the Board of Adjustments and Jim Kovala to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Bristlin recommended Waldo Johnson to the Planning Commission. The board will ratify these appointments at the February 22 Board Meeting.

Environmental Services

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. ES 02-05-1H, to approve to lease a loader for the landfill (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m. and then adjourned.

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

/s/ Harry Salminen
Harry Salminen
Board Chair