

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 08, 2005 as presented (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum – No Items
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a. ATV Trails, Roseau County, Barry Nelson
 - b. METH Discussion, Commissioner Salminen
 - c. Multi-County Close-out, Brian C. Berg, County Administrator
3. Appointments:
 - a. Commissioner Salminen recommended Janice Haggart-Muskrat Lake, to the Pelican River Watershed Board, and was moved and seconded to approve the appointment (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-2C, re-appointing Dennis Warling, Becker County Veteran's Services Officer to a four year term starting March 1, 2005 to March 1, 2009 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to appoint Don Lefebvre to serve as the representative from Becker County as a member of the WesMin Council for 2005 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to appoint Roger Josephson to the Becker County Extension Committee (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
4. Lee Berget, MN/DOT, gave an update on the proposed Rest Stop on Hwy. 59. Issues were discussed as to security and the neighborhood. MN/DOT will hold a public hearing for public input. It was the consensus of the County Board to move forward to the next stage of the agreement.
5. Commissioner Nelson asked to have departments better inform the Board when appointments are needed, as they would need at least a month to find someone to fill the position.

6. Brian C. Berg, County Administrator, reviewed the (6) Goals for 2005 and how we are doing reaching and maintaining these goals.
7. The METH problem was discussed and suggestions were made by the Board of things we can do in the future. A great deal of emphasis was on programs to reach schools, and our affiliation with the WACCO programs could be utilized.
8. Meeting Attendance:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioners attendance at the Small Business Resource Fair held at the Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center on Friday, March 4, 2004 (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioners attendance at the AMC Legislative Conference 2005 on March 30 -31 (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioners attendance at the Planning & Zoning Meeting on March 10, Becker County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. to discuss language changes suggested by the Special Ordinance Committee (Bristlin, Knutson), carried. Per Diem will be paid.
7. County Board Per Diems were discussed, and it was the consensus of the board that travel on any day, including Board Meeting day, with a meeting the next morning would qualify for mileage and a Per Diem. It was the consensus of the Board to keep it simple and so to change the policy to read, "Board members would be allowed (1) Per Diem per day--unless paid by another entity." This will be addressed in the Finance Committee Minutes.

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with exceptions (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
2. Highway Personnel Request and Sunnyside Update will be addressed later on the agenda.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the new quarterly group purchase of computers for county departments. The purchase is for (21) computers; (1) Laptop; and (14) Monitors for a total of \$19,345. (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
4. An update of the investment summary for the month of January was given.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee in reviewing the Per Diem Policy to remove the word "not" from the policy stating

not on a Board Day; and simply allowing payment of (1) Becker County per diem per day (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.

Auditor

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

Intoxicating On/Sale Liquor License, including Sunday Sales: Robert E. Beck Broken Wheel 3, (formerly Tommy's Bar) Detroit Township

Off/Sale 3.2 Beer License: Robert E. Beck, Broken Wheel 3, (formerly Tommy's Bar), Detroit Township

2. It was moved and seconded to remove Resolution No. 01-05-2K from the table as an opinion from the County Attorney's Office answered all questions (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-05-2K, approving the application for re-purchase of tax-forfeited lands for James D. Conklin for Parcel Numbers R53.0003.000 and R53.0005.000 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-05-2B, authorizing the County Engineer to advertise and hire temporary seasonal employees as follows: (3) long-term seasonal employees with a maximum six-month term, (2) for maintenance and (1) for construction; and (4) short-term seasonal employees with a maximum three-month term, (1) auto body student from NWTC, (1) for maintenance and (2) for construction (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

Human Services

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the following Purchase of Services Contract: Stellher Human Services – Family Community Support Services, Professional Home Based Services and Community Services to Disable Children, Therapeutic Support of Foster Care and Children's Case Management (Bristlin, Knutson), carried. Nelson abstaining.

3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

Community Health

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the List of Local Issues and Priorities Document, which will be sent to the Minnesota Department of Health (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

Transit

7. A report was given on the Transit Building Project.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to advertise for bids for the Spring Tree Planting (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

WesMin RC&D - Dean Schmidt presented a report on resource conservation and development.

1. It was moved and seconded to send Letters of Support of WesMin RC&D to our legislators: Collin Peterson, James Oberstar, Mark Dayton and Norm Coleman (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve to set a public meeting time for March 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper court room of Becker County Courthouse to discuss the changes made by the Special Ordinance Committee (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to ratify the appointments made at the February 08, 2005 Board Meeting to the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustments (Bristlin, Mulari), carried. Commissioner 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.
4. Commissioner Bristlin recommended Waldo Johnson to the Planning Commission. It was moved and seconded to approve this appointment (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Soil & Water

1. Public Hearing/Local Water Plan. Brad Grant, Soil & Water Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. to public comment. There were none speaking against, and there were some speaking for the Local Water Plan. After review of the Local Water Management Plan and a time for questions and answers, it was moved and seconded to Close the Public Hearing and approve Brad Grant to move forward with the Local Water Plan (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. Brad Grant, Soil & Water, presented a new 2005 Plat Book to each of the County Board members.

Sunnyside Care Center Update of Building Project—Tim Middendorf

Chuck Zimmerman, Director of Campus Operations, of ECUMEN, the managing company of Sunnyside Care Center was also present. He gave an update of the hiring process that will be followed to replace Tim Middendorf—who is leaving the first week in March. Tim gave an update of the recent Open House at Sunnyside. Tim reviewed the building process and discussed that the County Auditor is working with Sunnyside to finalize the billings for construction, which were run through the Becker County Auditor's Office. There was discussion of the amount paid for fixing the roof at Sunnyside. It was moved and seconded to table the decision of the responsibility of this bill until the March 08, 2005 Board Meeting (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

The County Board presented a plaque to Tim Middendorf in appreciation for all he has done for Becker County. Tim received a special thank you from the County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 5:00 p.m. at which time there will be a Public Information Meeting held to inform the public about the need for a Courthouse Addition.

The meeting was re-convened by the Board Chair at 5:00 p.m. Brian C. Berg gave a Power Point Presentation of the needs that the expansion would address to insure that justice is served. A Question and Answer session was opened to the public. A question was raised about moving the Courthouse out of the downtown area, and answered that several ideas have been explored and none were workable. The Courthouse must remain in the city limits. Also, the Detroit Lakes Chamber did a poll of downtown businesses for their opinion on the Courthouse remaining downtown. The Consensus of the poll was to have the Courthouse remain downtown, as this helps promote their businesses. There was mention of the capacity of the County Jail, and it was pointed out that the expansion would not house the Jail. Commissioner Salminen, Board Chair, reminded everyone that this is an Informational Meeting only. Other items discussed were methods for payment of the expansion and parking. There was a concern from the public in attendance that the County advertise the second Informational Meeting set for March 3, 2005 in other county papers. Justin Klementsion stated that he heard the announcement on the radio and read it in the paper both times it was advertised.

It was moved and seconded to place the notice in surrounding papers and to place the ad in a box so would be easily noticed. The radio stations will also be provided with copy for public announcement (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

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

/s/ Harry Salminen
Harry Salminen
Board Chair