

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 8:15 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as presented (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2005 with additions (Nelson, Knutson), carried. It was moved and seconded to approve a correction to the Minutes of May 10, 2005 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: Bea and Bill Purdy addressed the Board concerning an item on the Planning Commission Minutes of May 17, 2005. Bea was representing the Little Toad Lake Association in asking the Board to support the decision of the Becker County Planning Commission, which will be discussed later on the Agenda.
2. Reports of Commissioner Meetings:
  - a. Extension/4-H Meeting, Commissioner Bristlin
  - b. Workshop Building and Fair Building, Commissioner Knutson
  - c. Sunnyside Care Center Meeting, Commissioner Nelson
  - d. Frazee EDA Meeting, Commissioner Salminen
  - e. Update from Multi-County Check Received, Commissioner Mulari
3. Appointments:
  - a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Randy Torma to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee as recommended by the Wolf Pack Snowmobile Club; and Dick Schmidt as recommended by the Ultra Snowmobile Club (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
4. There was discussion of reviewing the current County Board Committee Appointments to see if one or two members are needed to serve on some committees. Commissioner Nelson asked that the Board discuss this again at the next board meeting.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner's attendance at the Spring District IV Meeting on Friday, June 10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Fergus Falls, MN (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

6. The Becker County Board and Department Heads will attend the Goal Review to be held as part of the County Board Agenda for July 12.
7. It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 05-05-2I, as set forth in MN Stat. Sec. 375.51, regulating the surface use of St. Clair Lake by stating that no person shall operate a watercraft on the waters of St. Clair Lake that is propelled by a motor of any type including, but not limited to, internal combustion and electric motors. The primary responsibility for enforcement of this Ordinance shall rest with the Becker County Sheriff's Department. This, however, shall not preclude enforcement by other licensed police officers (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims as presented (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. The Sheriff items will be addressed later in the agenda.
3. Records Personnel Request. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-05-2H, to convert a full-time Deputy Recorder position to (2) part-time Deputy Recorder positions due to a retirement (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
4. The Human Services items will be addressed later in the agenda.
5. Jon Thomsen, HRA Director will be addressed later in the agenda.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the request from the IT Department to extend the tech student internship through the summer (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
7. Environmental Services items will be addressed later in the agenda.

Assessor

It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements as corrected (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

2005 Tax Payable

Parcel #	TwN/City	Amount	Reason
19.0664.032	Lakeview	\$ 74	Homestead
21.0057.002	Osage	\$270	Homestead
04.0087.001	Callaway	\$280	Homestead
08.0798.001	Detroit	\$645	Removal
09.0109.001	Eagle View	\$204	Homestead
19.0490.003	Lake View	\$ 18	Township
19.0491.001	Lake View	\$ 32	Township

29.0149.000	Silver Leaf	\$658	Ag Homestead
29.0154.000	Silver Leaf	\$140	Ag Homestead
11.0093.000	Silver Leaf	\$250	Ag Homestead
11.0148.000	Silver Leaf	\$128	Ag Homestead
47.0062.000	Audubon City	\$194	Homestead
49.0131.000	Detroit Lakes	+ \$262	Homestead
49.1634.000	Detroit Lakes	- \$278	Homestead
49.9155.000	Detroit Lakes	\$ 34	MN/DOT
49.1742.622	Detroit Lakes	\$ 68	Description

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a Seasonal Tobacco License Renewal for Fair Hills, Inc. Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills, Lake Eunice Twp. (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve a Gambling Permit for the Forest Riders ATV Club for Raffle on September 5, 2005, at Two Inlets Country Store, Two Inlets Twp. (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
3. The Frazee EDA Request was removed from the agenda.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for property for a Public Purpose from Carsonville Twp. at the established price of \$1 per parcel for (5) lots, numbered 3, 4, 16, 17 & 18 of the Ponsford Townsite Block (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to award the bid (including the Alternates) for the new Sheriff's Dispatch Center to Comstock Construction, Fergus Falls, MN. (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Becker County Sheriff's Department to house STO Work Release prisoners (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-05-2A, Bad Debt Resolution, in the amount of \$714.21 for Permit # 97-40, as bankruptcy has dissolved all debts (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the new Timber Sale Policy as presented by Chip Lohmeier and reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. The Policy change states that: If the sale of a tract of timber is rejected, cancelled, or nullified by the County for any reason attributable to the successful purchaser, or if the successful

purchaser fails to pay the required down payment on any tract(s) may, at the discretion of the County, be offered to the next highest bidder, if that bidder is otherwise eligible to purchase. If the tract of timber received only one bid for the appraised price, and that purchaser is then determined to be ineligible, the sale will be rejected and the tract will be offered at the next Becker County Timber Auction. If a sale of timber is rejected, cancelled, or nullified for any reason attributable to the successful purchaser, that purchaser shall be prohibited from bidding at the next Becker County Timber Auction (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

3. In view of the new Timber Sale Policy, it was moved and seconded to approve to accept the award of the sale of Tract 5 (from the last Timber Auction) to the second bidder, Blaine Foltz upon his providing a written document authenticating his second bid. The amount of this bid will be 2% less than the highest bid (Knutson, Mulari), carried. Salminen voting nay.

#### HRA – Jon Thomsen

It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County EDA Board to approve to proceed with the purchase of a building by Housing & EDA using HRA Loan Pool Funds and then leased to the Work Shop in 5-year intervals, with an annual review. The monthly lease would include all utilities, garbage, maintenance and repairs (Mulari, Knutson), carried. Bristlin abstains. Roll call vote was held.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve entering into the Blue Plus Vendor Agreement. This expands our involvement with seniors over 65 and MN Senior Care (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-05-2G approving to create a permanent full-time Children's Mental Health Case Manager due to an increase in caseloads (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve a 5-year Lease Agreement with the Becker County HRA/EDA to rent space for the Work Shop (Nelson, Mulari), carried. Bristlin abstains.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Mulari, Nelson), carried.

## Community Health

6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Nelson), carried.

## Transit

7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to add an Office Furniture Request to the Human Services Agenda (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for furniture for the Human Services Conference Room and Foyer in the amount of \$1,547 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

## Environmental Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to accept the 2005 EMPG Grant in the amount of \$13,585 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. ES 05-05-2B, increasing the yearly fee of the Township Recycling Grant for Recycling Shed Maintenance from \$500 per site per year to \$750 per site per year (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. ES 05-05-2C, Establishing Fees for the Recycling of Electronic Devices at \$10 per electronic devices per State Statute (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

## Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Memo of Understanding between the Becker County Planning & Zoning Department and the Becker County Soil & Water Conservation District (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. PZ 05-05-2D, authorizing the Environmental Technical Review Panel to implement pre-application meetings and review of developments within Becker County (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
3. Planning Commission (PC) Minutes of May 17, 2005:
  - 1) **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Q-5 Investments, Little Toad Lake. There were comments from Brant Beeson, Attorney for Bruce Qvammen, Developer; Bill and Bea Purdy, Resort Owners on Little Toad Lake. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to deny the change of zone and planned unit development based on land suitability (Knutson, Bristlin), carried. A

Roll Call Vote was held: Knutson – yea; Salminen – yea; Mulari – yea; Bristlin – yea; Nelson – nay.

- 2) **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Tea Cracker LLC. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and preliminary plat consisting of 19 lots subject to DNR approval and proper road access (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
- 3) **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Long Shore Development, Detroit Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC finding and recommendations to deny the application until an EIS is completed (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
- 4) **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Jona Baer. Application Removed.
- 5) **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Naterra Land, Two Inlets Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the change of zone to residential and preliminary plat consisting of 21 lots based on the fact that the project meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
- 6) **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Joey Kaiser, Lake Eunice Twp. Tabled.
- 7) **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Earl Hemmerich, Forest Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the change of zone and preliminary plat based on the fact that the project meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
- 8) **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Bay Point LLC, Detroit Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations to approve the change of zone and preliminary plat based on the fact that the project meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
- 9) **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Donald Tollefson, Audubon Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from commercial to residential due to the fact that there is a residential subdivision directly west of this parcel (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
- 10) **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Jason Ekholm, Erie Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve a conditional use permit to allow commercial activity consisting of a sand blasting business based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the stipulation that the compressor must be located inside a building (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.

11) ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Plat of Abundant Acres, Thomas Cummings, Developer, Richwood Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the final plat of Abundant Life Acres based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

12) TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: The next Information Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. at the Planning & Zoning Office.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with an addition (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-05-2E, to transfer \$70,888 (all funds) in excess of two years apportionment into the Regular Construction Account (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
3. Brad Wentz gave the County Board an update on road construction in Becker County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Harry Salminen  
Harry Salminen  
Board Chair