

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, November 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 with the following additions: a. EDA – Donation of a Land Parcel/Commissioners; b. Septic System Review/Commissioners (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2005 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Commissioners

4. Open Forum:
John Postovit, Ordinance Advisory Committee, gave an update to the Board on points of interest of the Shoreline Ordinance Revisions.
5. Jon Thomsen, EDA & Housing Director, brought a request to the attention of the County Board. The EDA Board, at their regular meeting of November 17, 2005, approved the donation of a 2.55 acre parcel located in the Frazee Industrial Park to be used to locate a new facility for a business known as Marine Innovations.
 - a. It was moved and seconded to pursue options to help Marine Innovations without the donation of the 2.55 acre parcel (Bristlin, Knutson), motion and second were withdrawn.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to approve the Marine Innovations Project as recommended by the EDA Committee, and to concur with their actions if in the opinion of the County Attorney it is an allowable land transaction (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
6. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a. Spoke with Dean Simpson concerning assessing, Commissioner Bristlin
 - b. Tax-Payers Association Meeting, Commissioner Knutson
 - c. Red River Basin Meeting, Commissioner Knutson
 - d. ATV Trail Committee Meeting, Commissioner Knutson
 - e. Red River Watershed Meeting, Commissioner Nelson
 - f. Soil & Water Meeting, Commissioner Nelson
 - g. Sunnyside Care Center, Commissioner Nelson
 - h. DAC Meeting, Commissioner Mulari
 - i. ATV Trail Committee Meeting, Commissioner Mulari
 - j. Mahube Meeting, Commissioner Mulari
 - k. Airport, Commissioner Salminen
 - l. Septic System Review, Commissioner Nelson

7. Becker County Fleet Policy/Resolution No. 11-05-1A. It was moved and seconded to send this policy back to the Safety Committee for further review. It was suggested that each County Department Head review the policy for accuracy (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
8. Septic Systems around the lakes were discussed. A suggestion was made to bring this concern to the Ordinance Review Committee Meeting.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Civil Commitment Contract with Thorwaldsen, Malstrom, Sorum, Majors & Merkins, P.L.L.P. to provide legal services under MN Stat. ss. 253B beginning January 1, 2006 and concluding on December 31, 2006, for the sum of \$1,870. per month (Mulari, Knutson), carried. Roll call vote: Knutson – yea; Salminen – yea; Mulari – yea; Bristlin – yea; Nelson – abstaining.
10. It was moved and seconded to hold the annual Christmas Tea at the December 13, 2005 Board Meeting and authorize any Commissioner to attend (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner’s attendance at the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting on December 01, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Upper Courtroom, Courthouse (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner’s attendance at the Ag Issues Forum in Callaway on December 1, 2005 (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to set the Public Hearing date on January 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. to establish the correct name and spelling of Bijou Lake (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2A, approving an application for Re-purchase of Forfeited Lands for Steven P. Rader, Parcel Number R19.0662.000 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2B, approving an application for Re-purchase of Forfeited Lands for James W. Kohler, Parcel Number R49.1941.000 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2E, approving an application for Re-purchase of Forfeited Lands for Blake Tangquist, Parcel Number R19.0517.001 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the claims with qualifications (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
2. The Finance Committee recommended approving the Jail Nursing Contract.
3. The Finance Committee recommended approving the Highway Software Upgrade.
4. The Finance Committee recommended approving, with review by the County Attorney, the EDA request to transfer a lot at the Frazee Industrial Park at no cost.
5. The Cash Comparison and Investment Summary as of October 31, were provided.
6. 2006 Preliminary Budget. It was moved and seconded to approve that the Courthouse Expansion Project be increased from the original \$500,000 by \$2,000,000 for a total expenditure of \$2,500,000. The revenues will be increased by \$2,000,000 to show the amount is to come from unreserved/undesignated fund balance (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
7. Other Topics discussed: The process followed when crushing gravel for the Highway Department, Townships or Cities; the procedure for having road projects and change orders approved; and how leases should be approved and treated.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the contract between Sunnyside Care Center and Becker County Sheriff's Department. This is for 1-year from November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006 for the contract price of \$34,200 (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the grant application for Community Health Child Immunization Grant (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Mulari, Nelson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with an addition to include an equipment bid letting request (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2C, adopting the revised Snow & Ice Control Policy for the Becker County Department of Highway (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2D, authorizing the Capital Outlay Request to purchase an upgrade for Eagle Point Software in an amount not to exceed \$2,176.86 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-05-2F, authorizing and directing the County Engineer to develop specifications, advertise and let bids for a diesel tandem truck chassis to compare with State Bid prices and make a final recommendation to the County Board (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendations to approve an amendment to an Ordinance for Nonconforming Shoreland Parcels, with Commissioner Nelson making an amendment to the motion to have shoreline buffer vegetation brought back to the board to be approved (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. Becker County Planning Commission (PC) Recommendations of November 16, 2003:
 - 1) OLD BUSINESS: Juergen Byers. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for three lots based on the fact that the request does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
 - 2) FIRST ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: Jerome Muench. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential for one tract of land based on the fact that the change of zone is consistent with lakeshore development (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
 - 3) SECOND ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: Final Plat of Straight Pines Senior Living Community, Timothy & Michelle Yliniemi Developers. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the final plat of Straight Pines Senior Living Community based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
 - 4) THIRD ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: Final Plat of Sweeney's Corner, Pat Sweeney Developer. Tabled.
 - 5) FOURTH ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS: The next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Closed Session

1. It was moved and seconded to Close the Session at 11:30 a.m. for litigation discussion with the County Attorney and the attorney for MCIT Insurance (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to Open the Session at 11:50 a.m. (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.

Closed Session

1. It was moved and seconded to Close the Session at 1:00 p.m. for an update of Union Negotiations (Mulari, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to Open the Session at 2:00 p.m. (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator to work with the Union Groups representing the County Board (Bristlin, Mulari), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen
Harry Salminen
Board Chair