

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with additions: 1) Letter in Support of the City of Detroit Lakes request to Burlington Northern Railroad for a Quiet Zone; and 2) Discussion of County Days at the Capitol (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2006 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:

Clarence Suvanto. Three items were of concern: 1) Received his tax statements and noticed there are 60-days to appeal taxes with a final day of April 30; 2) He hopes the 70-Mile ATV Trail is approved; 3) Courthouse Parking and sharing with the City of Detroit Lakes. He hopes the Board will take into consideration his suggestion to make Lake Avenue a one-way street and present his suggestion at the next Parking Committee meeting.

2. Reports & Correspondence.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Fair Board Meeting, discussion of Transit Building being ready for the Becker County Fair.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Sunnyside care Center Board Meeting. Assisted Living at Sunnyside was discussed. The Sunnyside Board agreed to go forward with Request for Proposals.
- b. Joint Powers Meeting. Met at Crookston and discussed Joint Powers Lawsuit. This was a good meeting with jail issues and money issues discussed, he felt comfortable Becker County is meeting its needs.
- c. Soil & Water Meeting
- d. Lake Agassiz Regional Library

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. SCHSAC Health Meeting, St. Paul: Discussed Pandemic Bird Flu. One vaccination has been produced so far. The State of Minnesota is considering a state-wide ban on smoking.
- b. Airport Meeting.
- c. Lakeland Mental Health Meeting

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a. Lakeland Mental Health Meeting: LLMH has turned their financial picture around.
- b. Jail/Treatment Meeting. Human Services and the Sheriff's Office are looking at the drug assessments being done in county lockup. The Regional Committee is still looking at some kind of a Regional METH Treatment facility.

Commissioner Bristlin Reports:

- a. Becker County Area Agency on Aging, Commissioner Mulari attended.
- b. 70-Mile ATV Trail Meeting. This is on the agenda for discussion later today.

3. Appointments: None at this time.
4. Airport Letter. It was moved and seconded to approve signing a Letter of Support, and the County Board supports as stated: In summary the Detroit Lakes Becker County Airport Commission, the City Council of the City of Detroit Lakes and the Becker County Board of Commissioners (Sponsors), have voted to support the conclusions of the proposed expansion of the Detroit Lakes Airport, as enumerated in the Federal Environmental Assessment and State Environmental Impact Statement, dated September 2005, as long as the City of Detroit Lakes agrees with the letter, and authorizes the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County (Salminen, Knutson), carried. Roll call vote: Commissioner Knutson, Yea; Commissioner Salminen, Yea; Commissioner Mulari, Yea; Commissioner Nelson, Nay; and Commissioner Bristlin, Abstained.
5. Quitclaim Temporary Easement MN/DOT. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-06-2D, requesting a Temporary Easement across land and property (Minimum Detention Facility) leased by Becker County from Dennis J. Meyer. This Temporary Easement shall cease on December 01, 2012, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes. The Becker County Board authorizes the signature of the Board Chair and the County Administrator to convey and quitclaim the real property listed. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner's attendance at the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference 2006 on March 29 & 30, at the Radisson Riverfront, St. Paul, MN (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
7. It was the Consensus of the Board not to attend the Days at the Capitol this year as they will be attending the Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference on March 29 & 30, 2006.
8. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-06-2F, in support of a Railroad Quiet Zone in Detroit Lakes, MN to silence train horns on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad line from the Wine Lake Road crossing to the crossing at SCAH 54. The proposed Quiet Zone involves crossings in Becker County, Lake View Township, Detroit Township and Detroit Lakes (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

9. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-06-2E, approving the Becker County Fleet Policy as recommended by the Safety Committee. The Management Team, in conjunction with the Becker County Safety Committee and Safety Director, is instructed to implement the policy (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

#### Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to table the request to pass Resolution 02-06-2A adding Wenzel & Associates, as agents, Ameritas Retirement Plans and removing ICMA. More information is requested before any action is taken (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-06-2B, vacating that public right-of-way as it travels through the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 139, Range 41, beyond the existing CSAH #21 alignment and associated Public Right-of-Way. (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve a Tubing License Renewal for Eddie H. Enger, Ed's River Run Tubing, 20016 County Hwy. #29, Rochert, MN 56578, Erie Twp. (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State presented a check to Becker County in the amount of \$324,732.23 for voting equipment and she entertained questions for about 45 minutes.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Bristlin, Nelson), carried
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sheriff Department's request to fill a temporary narcotics position, which was recently vacated (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
4. The County Auditor's Agenda Items of Demo/Tax Forfeit Property, the Purchase of Counter/DMV and Gravel Tax Budget to Actual will be placed on the next Finance Committee Agenda.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a dedicated server and back-up device for the new Indexing System located in the Recorder's Office. The estimated cost of \$5,000 will be funded with Recorder's Equipment Fund dollars (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

#### Becker County Extension

Tom Riffenberger, President, Master Gardeners of Becker County, gave an update to the Board on the Master Gardener Program. He also presented the group Goals for 2006. Nancy Forsaker Johnson, Regional Extension Director, introduced Tracey Baker, new Nutrition Agent, and a Progress Report was given on the Nutrition Education Program. Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to renew a Children's Mental Health Contract to provide Counseling Intervention Services to Special Education Children that are not eligible for Medical Assistance (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve to continue a contract with White Earth to provide Home-Based Mental Health Services, Family Community Support Services, Targeted Case Management Services and Diagnostic Assessment and Testing for Indian Children living on the reservation. The total amount of the Contract is \$197,448 which is covered by a grant from DHS (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

#### Highway

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 02-06-2C, Dedication of Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. Becker County strongly supports passage of the proposed amendment to the MN Constitution dedicating all of the motor vehicle sales tax revenue to transportation; and that Becker County provides this support in conjunction with a wording change to the proposed amendment to dedicate at least 60% of the revenue for highway purposes (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

#### Environmental Services

It was moved and seconded to concur with the Environmental Services Committee to proceed to bid the 2006 Solid Waste Hauling Contract. The new contract is for (3) years with a (3) year extension for good performance (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

#### EDA/Housing Financial Report

Jon Thomsen, along with Guy Fisher, presented the Becker County EDA/Housing – Fiscal Year Ending 2005 Report. Jon reported that they have met their goal for 2005.

#### Commissioner Discussion Items

1. Combining Auditor/Treasurer.
  - a. After discussion, it was decided to form a Committee to study combining the offices of Auditor and Treasurer for Becker County and to extend the study to include all functions which could be included as a land management group (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
  - b. It was moved and seconded to appoint to the above committee: Commissioner Mulari; Commissioner Nelson and Brian C. Berg, County Administrator. Other members to the above committee to be decided by the appointed Committee. The Board would also like minutes taken of these meetings (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. 70-Mile ATV Trail. After Board discussion, it was moved and seconded to discontinue the ATV Committee meetings until sessions can be conducted with other affected governmental units. These sessions should be held as soon as possible (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg  
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 County Administrator

/s/ Karen Mulari  
 Karen Mulari  
 Board Chair