

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

The Quarterly Meeting of the City, County, School and Chamber of Commerce was held at the School Administration Building at 7:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2006 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 02, 2007 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No Participants.
2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Salminen Reports: No Reports

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a. Attended the Winter Trails Committee Meeting. They are waiting for snow. There are new Wonderland Signs for the trail. They are working on a bridge on Rice and Rock Lakes to improve the trail.
- b. Human Services Committee. Nancy will bring information to the Board.

Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports: No Reports

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Environmental Services Committee met with Joint Powers, which are the City of Frazee, Burlington Township and Silver Leaf Township. They discussed future planning, and also discussed recycling.
- b. Attending the Highway Committee where we discussed County Roads.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Attended the Library Meeting where the budget for 2007 was discussed.

- b. Attended the Extension Committee Meeting where they discussed the duties of employees. Commissioner Nelson asked for consideration for appointments to the Extension Committee from District IV and for an At Large Appointment. Extension will be hiring a new 4-H Coordinator by April 1, 2007.
- c. Reminders: Mahube Open House on February 02, 2007
WDAY Honor Flight to send WWII Veterans to Washington to see the Memorials.

Brian C. Berg Reports:

- a. There has been good feedback from the Department Heads regarding the Vision Session held by the County Board. This was a very positive session.
3. Appointments:
- a. It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Bruce Hein as a representative on the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Development Association to another three-year term (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
 - b. The appointment to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District for a manager will need to be re-advertised.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Becker and Hubbard Counties for sharing an Extension Service Extension Educator Position. This will be for sharing Will Yliniemi, Extension Service Educator, services for two days a week, from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. The cost of the position is \$31,160 yearly (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Becker County to provide Extension Programs locally and employing County Extension Staff. The term of this Agreement shall be April 1, through December 31, 2007 and states that Becker County will hire a 4-H Coordinator at 80% time, and Becker County would pay \$36,360 for 2007 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Lakes Country Service Co-op Membership Agreement in the amount of \$250 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. February 13, 2007 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. the County Board will meet with the Department Heads for Goal Setting.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the County Board Committee List for 2007 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve any Commissioner's attendance at the Workshop/Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality Seminar to be held at the

Lodge in Detroit Lakes on February 22, 2007 from 8:30 to 3:30 (per diem paid) (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Auditor/Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a Gambling Permit for Becker County Humane Society for operations at Bayview Bar & Grill in Lake View Township (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-07-1D, awarding the bid for the official Becker County Newspaper to Detroit Lakes Tribune (Sunday) along with the first publication of the financial statement and designating the Frazee Forum as the newspaper in which the second publication of the financial statement will be published as required by MN Stat. Sec. 375.17 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims for December 28, 2006 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims for January 08, 2007 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. The Human Services/Community Health request for an Audiometer will be on the Agenda under Human Services.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the increase in Change Fund for DMV from \$200 to \$300 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. The Fee Schedule for the County Coroner was discussed and will require additional exploration.
6. The Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for November were reviewed.
7. The Mileage Reimbursement Rate from the IRS was discussed, and it was moved and seconded to adopt the current IRS rate per mile for 2007 for Becker County (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
8. Courthouse Project Financing was discussed regarding the funding sources to be used for the remodeling project and discussion will continue at the next finance meeting.
9. It was moved and seconded to add to the Agenda: Engagement Letter from Hoffman, Dale and Swenson (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Engagement Letter from Hoffman, Dale and Swenson to complete the 2006 Annual Audit for Becker County for the cost of \$49,500 and to be signed by the Board Chair (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Natural Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Roadway Easement, Section 9, T142N-R37W to Forest Township. The request is for a 66-foot roadway easement over portions of tax-forfeited land in Section 9 of Forest Township. The appraised value of the 3.2 acres of tax-forfeited land is at \$1,300 per acre for a total appraised value of \$4,200 plus \$300 timber value for a total of \$4,500 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. Commissioner Nelson added discussion on snow trails regarding the collection of snowmobile State Trail Permit fees and going to enforcement rather than maintenance of the trails. Chip Lohmeier, Administrator, Natural Resources Management, will check with the DNR for clarification.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to remove the Adult Services Report from the Agenda (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services and Probation Placement Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
 - a. Lakeland Mental Health
 - b. LSS Springhill Group Home
 - c. Village Family Services
 - d. Positive Connections/Lakes Crisis Center
 - e. Family Resource Center
 - f. Lutheran Social Services
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to purchase an Audiometer at the cost of \$2,076 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Public Health Grant Amendment, which increased the grant amount to \$97,534, amends funding activities to include supporting local duties to assure an all-hazard plan, enhance local community plans implementing social distancing and identifies needs of means of supporting families caring for others at home and for supporting special needs populations (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

County Attorney

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Attorney to go forward with the Quiet Title Action in regards to Sunnyside Care Center and Highway 10 right-of-way (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to add the Summary of Murphy's Senate File 5 to the Agenda (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. The Summary of Murphy's Senate File 5 was discussed. Wheelage Tax was discussed, and the Chair asked if the Board would like this to be brought forward for discussion.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. DOH 01-07-1A, authorizing the County Engineer to prepare proposals and bidding documents and advertise for bids for several area gravel road maintenance contracts for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2010. Bids will be opened on February 08, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. DOH 01-07-1B, authorizing the County Engineer to prepare proposals and bidding documents and to advertise for bids for six area roadside mowing maintenance contracts from the period of May 1, 2007 to November 11, 2009. Bids will be opened on February 08, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Barry Nelson
 Barry Nelson
 Board Chair