

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Thursday, August 28, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, All Present

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 August 14, 2007 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Speaking in concern to lot size reference to the Zoning Ordinance was John Postovit, a Zoning Ordinance Advisory sub-committee member. He did not agree with the density criteria for zoning and wants the lot site criteria restored.
 - b) Speaking in regards to the Zoning Ordinance was Jim Kaiser. He requested information on what was to be grandfathered into the ordinance. He also requested examination of the makeup of the committee members to improve voting rights.
 - c) Speaking in concern to lot size reference to the Zoning Ordinance was Dave Barsness. He submitted a letter stating his discouragement with the Planning Commission's recommendation to diminish the lot sizes that were proposed by the Ordinance Advisory Committee for natural environment lakes.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sunnyside Board meeting; the new Administrator is a good fit for the organization. Commissioner Nelson also addressed the financials.
 - ii) Construction update; court house construction going well.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Natural Resources; working on a land exchange. Also considering expanding with the addition of a part time employee.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Regional Juvenile Detention Center Meeting; prisoner per diem went up \$5/day, from \$175 to \$180 per day.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Natural Resources; proposes adding an employee to work in parks and recreation to free up full time employee to devote more time to cruise timber and generate more timber sales per year.
 - e) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended Lakeland Mental Health Meeting.
 - ii) Frazee Swift Plant Task Force meeting, demolition of building is progressing.
 - iii) Leadership Meeting in Lutsen was very worthwhile training.
 - f) A letter was received from WesMin Resource Conservation & Development requesting additional funds. This will be put on the agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting for discussion.

- g) Appointments – Cormorant Lakes Watershed Manager advertisement, appointments considered on September 25 Board meeting. Interest in the manager position has already been received.
- h) It was moved and seconded after discussion to approve the Purchase Agreement for Courthouse Parking with the Berean Baptist (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- i) It was moved and seconded to approve the Assignment of Option Agreement for Courthouse Parking (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
- j) It was moved and seconded to approve the Parking Lot Lease with First Lutheran Church for 30 spaces at \$10 each per month (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
- k) County Administrator Berg thanked the Board for his attendance at the Leadership Conference at Lutsen and shared some of the highlights.
- l) Guy Fischer gave an update on the OHV Policy Committee.
 - i) Two members resigned – Doyle Turner, Eagle View Township representative and Steve Tucker, resort owner. Chip Lohmeier will forward the names of possible candidates to fill the vacancies.
 - ii) A suggestion was submitted to reimburse members of the OHV Policy Committee for mileage as some of them travel more than 100 miles per trip. The topic will be put on the agenda for discussion at the September 25, 2007, Board Meeting.

Auditor – Treasurer

1. Licenses & Permits

- a) It was moved and seconded to approve the gambling permit renewal for Charlies Bar, Detroit Lakes, Height of Land Township (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
- b) It was moved and seconded to approve the gambling permit renewal for Curley's on Cotton Lake, Rochert, Erie Township (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Finance Claims (Salminen , Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a skid steer loader from Adkins Equipment for \$33,491 for reclamation of marketable materials at the Becker County Transfer Station (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Record Laminating Project for the Recorder to laminate the first 7-8 historical documents estimated at \$7,240 paid through the Recorders Equipment Fund (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-07-2E requiring all new hires to enroll in direct deposit and current employees will be required to enroll no later than December 31, 2007 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal from Hildi Inc. for the Actuarial Study of Other Post Employment Benefits for \$6,000 for Becker County's 17 retired employees contingent on the County Attorney's review (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve acceptance of the donation of five parcels of land in Ponsford from Donald Goetzman who will pay all transfer costs (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

7. It was moved and seconded to add two checks to the Claims (1) \$22,000 to Berean Baptist Church for the purchase agreement and assignments and (2) \$1,800 to First Lutheran for the first six months of the parking lot lease (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Highway Department

1. There were no additions to the agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-07-2A, Funding Advance for \$307,200 for financing in 2008 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-07-2F, Capital Outlay for a \$900 rotary laser level (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Status reports were given on various highway construction projects.

Human Services

1. There were no additions to the agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Children and Family Services Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Applications and Trends (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to add the Human Service Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Service Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Ridership Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
10. Ronda Stock reviewed the Becker County Community Health Programs and the Becker County Community Health Survey that was taken at the Becker County Fair.

Sheriff Department

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-07-2B for an emergency temporary Sheriff Secretary (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. The 10,000 Lakes and We Fest Updates were presented.

Minnesota Forest Industries – Terry Weber

1. A presentation was presented by Terry Weber, Director of External Relations for Minnesota Forest Industries. Topics discussed were economic impacts of the industry in Minnesota, timber resources of Minnesota, timber availability and utilization, current conditions in the industry, and recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on the competitiveness of the

Forest Products Industry. The Walsh family from the Park Rapids area who are active in the timber industry offered an invitation to the Board to visit their business.

Planning and Zoning Department

1. There were no additions to the agenda.
2. A public hearing was held last week on the Planning Commission Ordinance Amendment Recommendations. However, additional input was allowed to be presented in a timely manner at this meeting.
3. First Proposal on the Intent to Amend Ordinance.
 - a) The proposed revisions were presented and discussed to Section 7A, Conservation Subdivision Development and Section 6, Subdivision 1, Land Use District Requirements.
 - b) A motion was made and seconded to send the First Proposal back to committee (Nelson, Knutson), failed. Commissioners Mulari, Salminen, and Bellefeuille voted nay and Nelson and Knutson voting yea. The Chair entertained direction.
 - c) A motion was made and seconded to table Section 7A and Section 6, Subdivision 1 for further review (Mulari, Salminen).
 - d) A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to table all proposals to Amend Ordinance until September 18, 2007 at 8:15 a.m. (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. Planning Commission Regular Business Recommendations
 - a) First order of business tabled by applicant.
 - b) A motion was made and seconded to concur with the Second Order of Business, Kathy & Troy Ferguson's request for change of zone (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
 - c) A motion was made and seconded to concur with the Third Order of Business, Top Brass Estates conditional use permit (Salminen, Knutson), carried
 - d) Fourth order of business next information meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 8:00 am at the Planning & Zoning Office.

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