

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with two changes (1) move Planning and Zoning to 11:00 a.m. and (2) remove the Assessor and Environmental from the agenda (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2007 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum; Pastor Keith Barberg of the Christian Fellowship Church expressed his concern regarding the moral impact and reputation derived from the 10,000 Lakes and WE Fest events upon our community.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. There will be ditch cleanup tonight and he invited everyone to participate if possible.
 - ii) Discussion was held on the WesMin Resource Conservation & Development efforts and concern was voiced for Don Lefebvre ceasing to receive mileage and per diem for meetings he has attended. The consensus of the Board was to have Brian Berg contact Don Lefebvre and let him know the Board appreciates his continued effort and will pay mileage plus per diem if requested for 2007.
 - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - c) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting. They are considering the sale of the Spring Hill Group Home.
 - ii) Attended the Swift Task Force meeting. The demolition bids will be submitted by the end of the month.
 - iii) Attended the Becker County Children's Initiative meeting. Looking to focus on the mental health collaborative for children.
 - iv) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting. They are continuing their effort to purchase property instead of renting.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the annual Township Meeting and represented the Becker County Board.
 - ii) He will be unable to attend the Building Committee Meeting on Thursday this week. Larry Knutson or John Bellefeuille will attend in his absence.
 - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Becker County Fair Board Committee meeting. He distributed the Fair Board Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners and discussed the idea of a Health Fair at the County Fair next year.

- ii) Attended the Park & Recreation Board meeting. Natural Resources will have a tax forfeit land sale on November 16, 2007; timber sale will be at scheduled dates in the future.
- 3. Appointments:
 - a) Kathy Fridett will be submitting a request for a Library Board Appointment. Commissioner Nelson is interested in continuing to serve.
 - b) County Attorney Consideration
 - i) Commissioner Bellefeuille, Commissioner Mulari, and Brian Berg gave reports on the Committee activity to appoint the County Attorney. Discussion was held on the process used to determine the candidate. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 10-07-2C accepting the resignation of Joseph Evans effective end of business day November 16, 2007, and appointing Mike Fritz Becker County Attorney for the remainder of the vacated term (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
- 4. It was moved and seconded to set the time and date for the Truth and Taxation Meeting to be December 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Court Room (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- 5. It was noted that the Lakes Country Service Cooperative (LCSC) was holding their Annual Board Election. None of the Commissioners were interested in running for the two Board positions.

Auditor – Treasurer

1. Licenses & Permits

- a) It was moved and seconded to approve the 28 Annual Tobacco License Renewals for November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008; Kathleen Sherbrooke-Cormorant Store, Heather Furlong-Snellman Store, Coalwell Agency Inc.-Highway 59 Store, Joy Mcnamara-County 17 Club, Daryl Moran Sr-Chief Corner Store, Jay Olness-GR8 Investments Inc.-DBA: Pit 611, Matthew Anderson-Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Fred Brower-Cedar Crest Resort, Tamara Coats, Coat's Management Inc.-OBT/K&T's Pub & Grub, Community Co-ops of Lake Park-C Store, Susan Kimball-Toad Lake Store, Roger Nelson-Elbow Lake Store & Bar, Lance Highman-Northern Inn, Kimberly Bergley-The Boondocks, Jody Beaudine-Lakes One Stop Shop, John (Pete) Johnson-Richwood Off-Sale Inc., Shirley Kalberer-County 6 BP & Bait, Bill Christlieb-Osage Country Market, Richard Bartelt-Four Corners, John (Pete) Johnson-Richwood General Store, Delhel Inc.-Randy's Lake Eunice, Patricia Maloney-The Cormorant Pub Inc., Sheila Blanford-Tamarac Resort & Campground, Jeffrey Krueger-Horseshoe Inc.-DBA: Soo Pass Ranch, Wayne M. Crawford-Sunlite Bar & Grill, Richard Sherbrooke-Lake Center Store, Timothy Eischens-Two Inlets Country Store, and Rayna Tucker-Northwoods Recreation LLC-DBA: Ice Cracking Lodge (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
- b) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 10-07-2A, Tax Forfeited Land Sale of public lands for sale and set the minimum price (Parcel numbers 03.0032.000-Burlington Township-\$45,500, 05.0005.004-Carsonville Township-\$1,000, 32.0108.001-Sugarbush (West) Township-\$5,000, 48.0003.090-Callaway City-\$5,300, 49.0088.850-Detroit Lakes-\$5,000, and 52.0002.010-Ogema City-\$5,000) and private lands for sale (Parcel numbers 05.0006.001-Carsonville Township-\$300, 09.0003.000-Eagle View Township-\$600, 09.0003.002- Eagle View Township-\$1,300, 09.0004.000-Eagle View Township-\$600, 09.0005.000-Eagle View Township-\$1,400, 09.006.000-Eagle View Township-\$800, 11.0002.000-Evergreen Township-\$800, 15.0042.000-Height of Land Township-

\$750, 19.0003.003-Lake View Township-\$1,500, 19.0017.000-Lake View Township-\$1,500, 25.0129.000-Round Lake Township-South-\$1,900, 33.0002.000-Toad Lake Township-\$100, 49.0025.056-Aud Plat Sec 27 & 34-\$2,900, and 53.0003.090-Townsite of Wolf Lake-\$300 (Salminen, Knutson), carried with each Commissioner voting aye.

c) The Truth and Taxation Public Hearing is set for December 6, 2007.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sheriff Radar purchase for two radar units in the amount of \$1,871 which will be matched by the Toward Zero Death Program Grant (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sheriff Emergency Temporary Part-Time Request, Resolution 10-07-2D for two employees due to authorized leaves of absence (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology GIS Server Software Upgrade estimated at \$13,150 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology Intern Request from the technical college for the fall semester estimated at \$1,600 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Veteran's Service

1. A presentation was given on the three grants applied for by the Veteran's Service office. (1) \$2,670 for training, (2) \$4,200 for software, and (3) \$65,000 for a two year grant for books and tools for veterans going to college in Becker County at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes. There was agreement on submission of the Grants.

County Attorney

1. Mike Fritz accepted the appointment to the County Attorney position effective the end of the business day November 16, 2007.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Minnesota Family Investment Project for \$7,012 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Children and Family Services Report (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Minnesota Family Investment Project Innovations Grant for \$7,012 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Child and Teen Checkup Contract Agreement for \$83,040 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with the First Order of Business, Larry Thiesen's request for a change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of a certificate of survey for two lots for the property located on Boot Lake, East Boot Lake Road (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Second Order of Business, Paul and Sarah Kujawa's request for a conditional use permit to operate a fiberglass repair business on the property located at 29659 Co Hwy 54 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Third Order of Business, Ashley Christlieb's request for a change of zone from residential to commercial for the property located at 54604 St Hwy 34 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to deny the Fourth Order of Business, Randall & Sharon Lindeman's request for a conditional use permit to operate an ambulatory veterinary practice in an agricultural zone for the property located at 12527 Carow Circle (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried. Input was received from interested parties. Sharon Lindeman, the owner, wants to have a home office only and agrees with the denial. Colene Hill was concerned regarding the disposal of supplies and bio-hazardous materials. Sue Ivankovich requested confirmation that animals in the garage would be a violation of the zoning ordinance.
5. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Fifth Order of Business, William and Jean Livingood's request for a conditional use permit to operate a Bed and Breakfast for quilting retreats in their existing home for the property located at 12889 Abbey Lake Drive (Salminen, Knutson), carried. Input was received from interested parties. Jean Livingood, the owner, was in favor of the permit.
6. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Sixth Order of Business, Dan Whirley's request for a change of zone from commercial and agricultural to residential and approval of a certificate of survey for two tracts of land for the property located on Cotton Lake, 21246 & 21208 Co Hwy 29 (Salminen, Mulari), carried. Input was received from interested parties. Tiffany Walz, Meadowland Surveying, was in favor of the permit.
7. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Seventh Order of Business, Bruce Qvammen's request for a change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of a preliminary plat consisting of four lots for the property located on Lake Melissa, 12176 Co Hwy 17 (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried. Commissioner Salminen abstained.
8. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Eighth Order of Business, Final Plat of Blackhawk Country Estates, George Wynn developer, for a conditional use permit for a multi unit development consisting of five units with the stipulation that the common access area be limited to the most northerly one hundred (100) feet of the project (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
9. The Ninth Order of Business was the next information meeting that is scheduled for November 15, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Planning and Zoning Office.

10. It was moved and seconded to approve Contractors Leasing, Cormorant Gravel Mine, Negative Declaration, Resolution PZ10-07-2B (Knutson, Salminen), 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