

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, Karen Mulari absent.

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with one change (1) remove Highway 5 Year Plan from the agenda at 1:00 pm (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2007 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: Gary Larson addressed the Board with his concerns regarding property which contains excessive debris. In one such case Mr. Larson stated he has been called on four times to testify. He requested Board members which have a specific interest should show initiative and attend court hearings but once a Judge's ruling has been rendered, allow Planning and Zoning to do their job.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Western Area City County Coop postponed their evening event. It will be rescheduled for January.
    - ii) Historical Society – set their tentative Budget for 2008. Copies of the tentative budget were distributed to all the Commissioners.
  - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Nothing to report.
  - c) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Commissioner Nelson has attended the swearing in of Judge Joe Evans and County Attorney Mike Fritz.
    - ii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting. Reference was made to the minimum maintenance effort for the Library.
    - iii) Attended the Building Committee meeting. Discussed the upcoming change orders and the ongoing schedule. Bids are tentatively scheduled to be opened on January 24<sup>th</sup> for the remodeling project for the existing Courthouse which includes a new heating and cooling system.
    - iv) Received the Audit Letter for Boat and Water Safety in 2006.
  - d) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Becker County Fair Board meeting. Favorable comments were received reference the appearance of the new Courthouse addition.
    - ii) Attended the Natural Resources Committee meeting. Guy Fischer presented a report on the OHV Policy Committee meeting. A decision was made to establish a sub-committee to work on establishing travel routes.
    - iii) Attended the Environmental Affairs Committee meeting. The Committee plans to meet with the Townships to discuss point of collection changes.
3. It was decided by consensus that the appointment to the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board could wait until the Chair makes other appointments.

4. Discussion was held reference EDA Board Appointment. One appointment will need to be made for 2008. Discussion was also held reference the length of term.
5. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Mulari and Commissioner Knutson to work with the County Administrator and Human Resource Director in salary recommendations for elected officials (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. An update on the Parking Lot Proposal was given. A meeting with the public has been scheduled at the Public Library on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.
7. The County Board (by consensus) supports the following nominations: Donna Quart (nominated by the City of Frazee) and Mike McCarthy (nominated by Clay County) to the Lakes Country Service Cooperative Board.

#### Auditor – Treasurer

1. An update on the Tax Forfeiture Sale was given. There were 19 parcels for sale. Only 1 of the 5 public sale parcels sold (the Ogema parcel sold). 13 of the 14 private parcels sold. There was \$23,375 in sales. A discussion will be held on adjusting the prices at the next Natural Resource Meeting and will be presented to the Board in the future.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of Doug Leitheiser in the amount of \$718.85 (Salminen, Bellefeuille ), carried.
2. Discussion was held on the Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for the month of October.
3. Discussion was held reference a Lodging Policy and research will be done and discussed.

#### Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve three properties for abatements (1) parcel number 09.0074.000, Eagle View Township, \$260 and \$250 (2) parcel number 10.0416.004, Erie Township, \$126 and (3) parcel number 10.0549.002, Erie Township, \$212 for total abatements of \$848 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

#### Soil and Water

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2007 Annual Report for the Ag Inspector Program (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve signature of the 2008 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement in the amount of \$67,057 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. The date of June 17, 2008, was tentatively set for the Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) Grant Conservation tour of the western part of Becker County.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Reports (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Cost Reports (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

#### Pelican River Watershed District – Rice Lake Project

1. Tera Guetter of the Pelican River Watershed District and Pete Waller of the State Board of Water & Soil Resources gave a presentation on the Rice Lake Project intended to store water affecting up to 55 parcels of land. Information was provided for the two low head dam projects planned to reduce the phosphorus run off to Detroit Lake and the Wetland Preservation Area program.

#### Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Road Easement Across Tax-Forfeited Land by Forest Township for a 33-foot roadway easement in section 5 of T142N-R37W (i.e. Dr. Wallace Road) (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Spring 2009 Seedling Production Bid Award from PRT, Inc. in the amount of \$29,160 for 250,000 1+0, single flush seedlings (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2007-2008 Snowmobile Trail Grooming Contract from the Lake Runners Trail Association at a rate of \$13.45 per mile, plus a fuel clause adjustment (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

#### Planning and Zoning

1. First Order of Business: Old Business: Bruce and Barb Jacobs. It was moved and seconded to approve the amended motion to approve a site plan for a 46-site project based on the fact that the plan coincides with the conditional use permit and stipulations approved in November 2006 for an RV campground consisting of 46 RV sites, 18 boat slips, with a conservation easement buffer around the wetland and bay area on the north end of the property with the stipulation that the boat ramp be eliminated; and implement the remaining EAW and SWPP plans based on the fact that the conditions placed on the project by the Negative Declaration of the EAW and termination of the EIS and Negative Declaration would not be a detriment to the surrounding area and would mitigate any impacts on the proposed project (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. Second Order of Business: Contractor's Leasing. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit for a gravel mine operation for the property described as: Northern most 120 acres of NE ¼; Section 32, TWP 138, Range 43; Cormorant Township. PID Number 06.0419.000 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

3. Third Order of Business: Michael Bullock. It was moved and seconded to amend the stipulation and concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit to allow the establishment and operation of a vineyard and farm winery in an agricultural zone for the property described as: Govt Lots 4 & 5; Section 1, TWP 140, Range 41; Richwood Township. PID Number 24.0004.000 based on the fact that it would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the stipulation that there be no entertainment on the premises, and with two additional stipulations (1) that the current lighting in the parking lot is sufficient and none would be added and (2) a plan to control the runoff from the parking lot would be submitted to Planning and Zoning (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Fourth Order of Business: Greg Hapka. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to deny the after the fact permit for a retaining wall within the shore impact zone for the property described as: Lot 5 Bergquist Beach First Addition; Section 27, TWP 138, Range 42; Lake Eunice Township. PID Number 17.0445.000 located on Lake Eunice based on the fact that the wall does not meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
5. Fifth Order of Business: Fair Hills. The request for a conditional use permit to operate a restaurant was tabled.
6. Sixth Order of Business: Kris Smith. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the expansion of two units – one unit proposed per ordinance change and one unit proposed due to the acquisition of additional land for the property described as: Pt of Govt Lot 1 and 2, Section 10, TWP 139, Range 41; Detroit Township. PID Number 08.0170.002 to the preliminary plat of Sunrise on Little Floyd based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
7. Seventh Order of Business: Kai Hebranson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for one 7.5-acre lot in an agricultural zone for the property described as: Part of Govt Lot 1; Section 13, TWP 139, Range 39; Height of Land Township located on South Twin Lake based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
8. Eighth Order of Business: Chad Baker. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of a certificate of survey to create two lots (1.9 acres and 1.55 acres) with the remaining 23.77 acres to remain an agricultural zone for the property described as: Pt Govt Lot 12 and Pt SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Section 3, TWP 138, Range 43; Cormorant Township. PID Number 06.0046.000 located on Rossman Lake based on the fact that the lots meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
9. Ninth Order of Business: Final Plat of Wheeler Lake Estates. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Wheeler Lake Estates (preliminary approval was granted for five riparian and four non-riparian lots in September 2006) based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
10. Tenth Order of Business: Final Plat of Wild Shores. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Wild Shores (preliminary approval was granted for the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of four lots) based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

11. Eleventh Order of Business: Final Plat of Priewe Evergreen Terrace. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Priewe Evergreen Terrace (preliminary approval was given for 26 lots in April 2006) based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
12. Twelfth Order of Business: Informational Meeting. The next informational meeting will be held on December 6, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Zoning Office. The December Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

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