

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse.

1. The Meeting was brought to order by Ryan Tangen, Becker County Auditor-Treasurer.
2. Election of the Board Chair was ordered by Ryan Tangen, Auditor-Treasurer. Commissioner Larry Knutson was nominated as Chair to the County Board for 2008 by Commissioner Karen Mulari. There were no other nominations. It was moved and seconded to cease nominations and unanimously elect Commissioner Larry Knutson as Chair for 2008 (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
3. Commissioner Larry Knutson, newly elected Board Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Harry Salminen was nominated as Vice-Chair to the County Board for 2008 by Commissioner Karen Mulari. There were no other nominations. It was moved and seconded to cease nominations and to unanimously elect Commissioner Harry Salminen as Vice-Chair for 2008 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Commissioner Larry Knutson recognized the outgoing Board Chair, Barry Nelson, with a plaque for his service during 2007.
5. Commissioner Larry Knutson also recognized Gerry Schram for his interest and attendance at the County Board meetings during 2007.

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2007 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Historical Society meeting. Mike Wammer is the new president and Carolyn Engebretson is the vice-president.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - d) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Winter Trails Committee meeting. The trails are receiving heavy use and they are in need of staff to operate the groomers.
 - i) The Spring Hill Group Home sold. The programming will be different under the new management.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- ii) The parking lot is progressing. Becker County closed on the 1020 Lake Avenue house on December 31st. Commissioner Nelson has been in contact with representatives of the Berean Baptist Church regarding demolition schedules.
 - iii) On January 11th bids for the Court House remodel project will be requested. The bids will not include service to the Public Library.
3. It was moved and seconded to appoint James Kovala to the Planning Commission District 1 which expired in 2007 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
 4. It was moved and seconded to appoint John Lien to the Planning Commission District 3 which expired in 2007 (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
 5. It was moved and seconded to appoint Al Chirpich to the Becker County Board of Adjustments District 1 which expired in 2007 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
 6. It was moved and seconded to appoint Kip Moore to the Becker County Board of Adjustments District 5 which expired in 2007 (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
 7. It was moved and seconded to appoint Steve Spaeth to the Becker County Board of Adjustments Member at Large which expired in 2007 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
 8. It was moved and seconded to re-appoint John Bellefeuille Board Member to the Western Area City County Cooperative (WACCO) (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
 9. It was moved and seconded to appoint Larry Knutson Alternate Board Member to the Western Area City County Cooperative (WACCO) (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-08-1A, 2008 Newspaper Bid to the Detroit Lakes Tribune (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-08-1B, City of Callaway Tax Forfeit Purchase of Parcel Number E48.7003.090 restricted to a public parking lot for the Community Center (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Summary of Claims from 12-28-07 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Garbage Collection Contract with Detroit Disposal for \$681.27 per month (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. The November cash comparison and investment summary were presented.
5. The current employee reimbursement policy for expenses incurred while completing County business will be reviewed and a recommendation returned.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatement for parcels 04.0076.000 for \$826 and 04.0046.000 for \$392 in Callaway for 2007 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Emergency Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Regional Radio Board Joint Powers Agreement pending County Attorney approval (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Medica Participation Agreement – MSC+ (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Medica Amendment - MSHO (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-08-1C, MFIP/Children’s Mental Health Social Worker position funded by a grant starting 1-1-08 for 18 months (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the revised Public Assistance Caseload Trends report (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Immunization Grant (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Family Planning Contract with Otter Tail – Wadena Community Action Council (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-08-1E for a Transit Driver part time position due to a resignation (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-08-1D for a Transit Dispatch part time new position (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with one change; removing the Snowmobile Trail Capital Improvement Grant, Resolution 01-08-1F (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Request to Advertise for Seedling Planting Labor (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the RFP to Survey the Mountain View Recreation Area (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ Larry Knutson
Larry Knutson
Board Chair