

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, Harry Salminen absent.

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2008 (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: Clarence Suvanto spoke reference questions regarding the assessments sheets and the process used to determine property values.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Fair Board meeting. Copies of the 2008 Budget were distributed to the Commissioners.
 - ii) Attended the Natural Resource meeting. Discussion was held on the OHV classification, access to the Shell Lake property, options and liability insurance for ground maintenance properties, and liability insurance for the logging industry.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Norwest Regional Radio Board meeting. Discussion was held on insurance coverage by the County or by a separate entity. Copies of the tentative 2009 budget and the Agreement for Financial Management Services were distributed to the Commissioners.
 - c) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended Lakeland Mental Health meeting. Teleconference is currently in operation for providers and there has been high usage. There has been a slow down in the remodeling of the new building.
 - ii) The Swift Task Force is moving ahead with a timeline of June for demolition.
 - iii) Attended Ag in the Classroom at the Minnesota Community College. There were many elementary students in attendance at this event. This is a very good program that the farmers put on to teach the young people about farming.
 - iv) Attended the EDA meeting. Everything going well.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Agri Business Committee meeting at Wolf Lake with Commissioner Knutson; several topics discussed.
 - ii) Attended the Parking Lot meeting at the Library with Commissioner Salminen, Administrator Berg, and interested parties. The plan is for living fences and a berm with trees and vegetation.
 - iii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Library meeting. The minimum level of support is .082% of the net tax capacity. This maintenance of effort is adjusted yearly by the State.
 - iv) Attended the Red River Watershed meeting in Crookston. It was the 10th Annual Work Group. Wild Rice and Buffalo Red Watershed Districts gave presentations.

- v) Attended the Soil and Water meeting. They are working with our IT Department which is providing supportive help.
 - vi) Will be attending the Wild Rice Watershed meeting.
3. Discussion was held on the details and totals for the Furniture Bid consideration. Bid to be addressed in Finance.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-08-2B, Gambling Permit for the Confidence Learning Center for operations at Charlie's Bar & Supper Club, Height of Land Township; Resolution 03-08-2A, Gambling Permit for Audubon Volunteer Fire Department for operations at Tri-Lakes Roadhouse, Cormorant Township; and Resolution 03-08-2D, Gambling Permit for Heart of Lakes Bowhunters Club on August 17, 2008 in Erie Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of five over 90 day claims, (1) Liberty Business Systems, \$239.37; (2) Liberty Business Systems, \$502.60; (3) Liberty Business Systems, \$449.06; (4) American Institutional Supply Co., \$70.20; and (5) Cenex, \$298.97 (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to continue the process by the Sheriff Department to accept the Federal Boat & Water Grant Enforcement Position, Resolution 03-08-2E; to continue the process of a Full time Dispatch appointment from part time, Resolution 03-08-2F; and to continue the process to purchase four 2008 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve refinishing furniture in Judge Irvine's office in lieu of purchasing new with a cost of approximately \$2,000 (Mulari, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Asbestos Abatement in Phase I which includes remodeling of the former Probation space in the amount of \$9,700 (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Phase I change orders (a) Infant changing stations (three) for \$878.79; (b) Structure to support air handling unit for \$39,299.46 of which \$8,000 was the cost to the County; and (c) Concrete work to move transformer for \$1,868.97 (work completed last fall) (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the furniture bids from Marco for \$214,088.33 and from Cooper for \$70,576.58 for a total of \$284,664.91 (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of four 2008 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles from Phelps Ford, Perham, in the amount of \$98,856.20 (a difference of \$3,308 from the original non-qualifying bid from Detroit Lakes Ford-Chrysler) (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Federal Boat & Water grant to hire temporary part-time additional enforcement upon Becker County lakes for the sum of \$7,500, Resolution 03-08-2E (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve moving one part-time dispatch position to full time, Resolution 03-08-2F (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve MN-DNR Reforestation Grant for the purpose of increasing reforestation efforts (site preparation, tree planting, and tree seedlings) in the amount of \$27,000 (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to adopt a policy that allows loggers to return timber sales purchased prior to January 1, 2008 and be refunded 80% of their down payment. The logger will then be considered ineligible to purchase timber for the period of one year from the date of the refund (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements, Lakes Counseling Center; Clay County Receiving Center; Solutions Behavioral Health Care Professionals, Inc.; First Link; Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota; The Village; Family Resource Center; and Positive Connections (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Reports (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. Discussion was held on the \$500,000 Grant received for child crisis service therapists in Becker County schools and some Mahnommen County schools for a two year program. This is part of the Governor's Mental Health Plan to give communities money for kids in crisis.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.

Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of the WeFest and 10K Lakes Festival Contracts (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. Planning Commission Recommendations, March 18, 2008: First Order of Business: Daniel Thompson and David Thompson. The request for a conditional use permit to construct a second dwelling on the property and maintain the existing dwelling as a guest cottage was tabled by the applicant.
3. Second Order of Business: Dan Moen. This application was removed from the agenda by the applicant.
4. Third Order of Business: Lyle Pederson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for two tracts of land based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance with the stipulation that Tract 1 & 2 be combined as one buildable tract (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.

5. Fourth Order of Business: Final Plat of Brush Lake Estates. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Brush Lake Estates based on the fact that the plat meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance and the stipulations have been met (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. Fifth Order of Business: Final Plat of Valhalla Shores. Application incomplete, removed from the agenda.
7. Sixth Order of Business: The next information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Planning and Zoning Office.
8. It was approved by consensus to change the Planning and Zoning time on the Board agenda to 10:30 a.m.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve setting the flat fee of \$100 for the Nonconforming Lot Mitigation Compliance fee (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Larry Knutson
Larry Knutson
Board Chair