

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Knutson. All Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of July 22, 2008 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: Clarence Sevanto spoke reference several topics as information only for the Board; new building, bus safety, auction bidding process, employment contract of County Administration, weed control on pasture land, and review work of County Assessor.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Building Committee and Parking meeting; both items are on the agenda and topics will be covered.
 - ii) Attended the Extension Meeting which Commissioner Knutson will report on.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Extension Meeting; discussion was held reference continuing the Ag Education position and 4-H Coordinator position. Becker County currently shares the Ag Educator with Hubbard County and they may discontinue this position.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental Services meeting. The contract with Waste Management was discussed.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Historical Society meeting; discussed budget cuts and concerns with operating costs.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report as all meetings will be covered on the agenda.
 - e) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting. The remodeling project is moving forward.
 - ii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting. A vote was taken on allowing five additional counties in Region Six to join. Agreement was reached to allow them to join as the monetary problems have been worked out. The action will go to the Minnesota Board on Aging for approval, go out for public comment and a final vote will be taken in September.
 - iii) Attended the Environmental Services meeting. Discussed recycling, flow of traffic at the Transfer Station, and becoming a farm pesticide recycling site.
3. Appointments:
 - a) There were no appointments.

4. It was moved and seconded to approve the USDA Wildlife Services Agreement authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Services to conduct trapping and dam removal activities on Becker County property related to wildlife causing damage on adjacent properties that Wildlife Services is working on (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
5. Discussion was held on the Wild Rice Watershed water retention plan. There was input from several County farmers on the program.
6. The Board agreed by consensus to move forward with the proposed City/County parking lot project to be located on Front Street between Minnesota and Summit Avenues.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Gambling Permit for the Humane Society of the Lakes for operations at Bleachers, Detroit Lakes, in Lake View Township, Resolution 08-08-1A (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims including the over 90 day claims (1) St. Mary's due to the billing process (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to move forward and establish the contracts with two attorneys at a set rate to provide representation for parents in child protection cases due to the loss of funding from the State for public defenders.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to refer the West Central Initiative Appropriation request for 2009 to the next finance committee meeting.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Environmental requests for (1) implementing the pesticide collection program with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; (2) moving forward toward the joint powers agreement in the Perham Incinerator Expansion Project; (3) accepting the low bid for the waste hauling contract from STS Trucking; and (4) approve the single stream recyclable fee.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-08-1B authorizing the Auditor-Treasurer to compensate Absentee Ballot Board Members in the amount of \$9.00 per hour plus mileage allowance at the IRS rate effective at the time and currently \$.585 per mile (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to refer back to the Human Services Committee the request to fill two part-time child protection positions being advertised to fill but not yet filled.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the change order for (1) Luxury Lawn Care including \$1,617.50 in additional charges for a total of \$10,928.75 for landscaping the west side of the new Court House addition; and (2) Change Order G-017 from Roers' Construction for a total of \$20,006.23 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the change order for Bob Bristlin & Son for Phase II of the Court House project in the amount of 8,031.98 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
9. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to continue the process to move forward with the proposed City/County parking lot on Front Street between Minnesota and Summit Avenues for the additional 26 spaces required by the County for the Court House addition.
10. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway request to repair the water damage to the floors from a broken toilet tank utilizing the low quotes.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatement PIN 06.8731.000, Cormorant Township for \$86 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Environmental

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-08-1D, to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to collect agricultural pesticide wastes (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. By consensus of the Board, it was agreed to move forward with the Perham Incinerator Expansion Project and to participate in the upcoming meetings with Ottertail, Todd, and Wadena Counties.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-08-1E, to enter into a contract with STS Trucking to haul municipal solid waste from the Becker County transfer station to the Fargo Landfill for the term from September 1, 2008 to September 1, 2009; renewable as per the agreed upon terms for an additional three one year extensions (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-08-1C, to amend the Landfill Rates to include the tipping fee for loading single stream recyclable materials for \$27.50 per ton (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

West Central Initiative

1. Brianna McAleer presented information for the West Central Initiative Appropriation request in 2009. The Board agreed by consensus that they would like to budget year by year for the Appropriation. West Central Initiative will revise their request and also include what the other nine counties have committed in support.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the addition of the flooring repair request to the agenda (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the flooring repair covered by insurance with a \$1,000 deductible and to accept the low quote including the repairs not covered by the insurance estimated at \$1,000 to be approved with a phone call to the Building Committee by the Administrator after notification from the County Engineer on the final quote (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
3. A construction update was presented.

County Attorney

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08-08-1F, authorizing an additional \$8,400 beginning September 15, 2008 through December 31, 2008 to be used to obtain contract attorneys to provide representation in appropriate CHIPS and TPR cases (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Community Healthy Immunization Registry Funding request (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service – Mn CEP for Supported Work Services which are paid for through the MFIP Consolidated Grant (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Public Health Participation Agreement with Medica renewal (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Immunization Registry Funding request for \$4,379 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service for a new three year contract with Transit Advertising that will allow advertising on the transit buses and the contractor will pay the County 30% of the gross receipts received from the advertising (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Nelson), 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