

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, December 23, 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 with the addition of Human Resources Resolution 12-08-2H under Commissioners (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2008 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - b) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky – Area Agency on Aging meeting. Discussed fiscal concerns.
 - ii) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting. The new office in Fergus Falls is moving forward with the architect drawings completed.
 - c) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Building Committee meeting. Motor Vehicle has moved into the first floor on the south end of the Court House. Planning and Zoning will move to the third floor of the Court House next week. These moves will create savings for Becker County tax payers.
 - ii) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. Discussed the audit and gave praise to the present Administrator, Katie Lundmark, for the work she has done over the past year.
 - d) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Highway Committee meeting.
 - ii) Attended the Mahube meeting.
 - e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. They will hold the LMC Bay again this year. All employees are invited to volunteer. Proceeds will once again be donated to the Food Bank.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Resources contributions to the non union active employees for the VEBA plans for 2009, Resolution 12-08-2H (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2009 Budget, expenditures by fund \$39,368,906, revenues by fund \$39,354,324, tax levy for collection of \$17,263,001, and the Becker County Economic Development District is authorized to levy a tax for 2009 estimated to be \$175,633, Resolution 12-08-2A (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

6. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2009 Commissioners Compensation with no increase, Resolution 12-08-2B (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims including the over 90 day claims (1) Rodney Lee, EDA committee expense six month reimbursements; (2) Gerald Schram, EDA committee expense six month reimbursements; (3) Jerry Schultz, Board of Adjustments expense six month reimbursement; (4) Steve Spaeth, Board of Adjustments expense six month reimbursement; (5) TIP, for license holders due to misplace invoice; (6) Tweeton Refrigeration, misplaced invoice (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. Discussed the State Unallotment announcement to balance the State budget including a \$301,000 decrease for Becker County.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the request from Highway for replacement of a tandem truck and the lease of a bituminous oil distributor.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the eleven Environmental Haulers Licenses for 2009 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Mower property clean-up cost assessment of \$6,409.40 added to property taxes for collection over a ten year period (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the updated Employee Reimbursement Policy (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
7. The Auditor-Treasurer will not renew PO Box 745 when the latest six month lease is up for cost savings.
8. The Cash and Investment summaries for September, October, and November were presented.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Extension 2009 MOA for the .8 FTE 4-H Coordinator (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the low bid from Trophy House in the amount of \$867.50 for the new signage in the Courthouse addition (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
11. The Commissioner's salaries need to be set at the Board meeting.
12. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the 2009 Budget, Resolution 12-08-2A.
13. It was moved and seconded to approve a Finance meeting on Monday, December 29th to approve the remaining 2009 bills (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
14. Discussed the Sunnyside Care Center Capital Purchase, the timing of the purchase when considering the current economy, State Budget Deficits, State and Federal reimbursement reduction and levy limits; cautioned against the County taking on any additional unscheduled liabilities at this time.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve abatement PIN 49.2471.411, Detroit Lakes for \$122 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the deletion of the Human Services Cost Report (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Racial Disparity Grant in the amount of \$119,280 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Group Decision Making Grant in the amount of \$119,025 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of service agreements (1) Lakeland Mental Health, (2) Shared Care Psychiatry Contract – Lakeland Mental Health Center, (3) Case Management – Lakeland Mental Health Center, (4) Solutions, (5) Rural Mn CEP – Racial Disparity Project, (6) Village Family Services, (7) Positive Connections, (8) Family Resource Center, (9) Lutheran Social Services (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Interagency Agreement – Pine Point School, PAWN Special Education District, Becker County Human Services (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Financial Assistance Reports (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Child and Family Services Report (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Adult Services Report (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Child and Teen Check Up Grant Contract (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
13. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Public Transit Participation Grant Contract (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
14. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.

State of the County/Commissioner Knutson

1. Commissioner Knutson gave the State of the County address highlighting the accomplishments, challenges, and new projects of the Becker County Team throughout the year. A special thank you was extended to Commissioner Mulari for her hard work and dedication to Becker County along with a plaque to commemorate her service and contribution to the County.

Christmas Tea

1. The Commissioners hosted a Christmas Tea for all the employees and citizens of Becker County. The event was well attended.

Planning and Zoning

1. Planning Commission Recommendations, December 16, 2008: First Order of Business: Hough Inc. The application was postponed by Mike Hough.
2. Second Order of Business: James Mulari. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit for seasonal storage of boats, pontoons, snowmobiles, etc. for the property in Sugar Bush Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Bellefeuille, Salminen) Commissioner Mulari abstained, carried.
3. Third Order of Business: Ruth Seidel. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for the property in Lake Eunice Township based on the fact that the proposal meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Fourth Order of Business: David and Ella Brenneman. The application was tabled by Tobias Miller.
5. Fifth Order of Business: Jessica and Timothy Kerekes. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit for a home business consisting of a hair salon in Evergreen Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. Sixth Order of Business: Joyce Omang. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to deny the conditional use permit to allow horses on the property located in Lake View Township based on the fact that the application does not meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
7. Seventh Order of Business: Informational Meetings will not be held during January, February, and possibly March and April due to the weather conditions. The Board will be notified when the next meeting will take place.

Tabled Item, Sunnyside Care Center

1. It was moved and seconded to remove Sunnyside Care Center from the table (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase and assume the loan in the amount of \$75,000 cash and a \$170,000 loan for the apartment building in Lake Park by the Sunnyside Care Center (Nelson, Bellefeuille) Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Bellefeuille voted aye, Commissioner Knutson, Commissioner Mulari, and Commissioner Salminen voted nay, the motion failed.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital Outlay Request for a tandem truck, Resolution 12-08-2C, in the amount of \$171,615 (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital Outlay Request for a bituminous oil distributor lease, Resolution 12-08-2D, in the amount of \$20,000 per year for five years (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2009 Five Year Construction Improvement Plan, Resolution 12-08-2G, authorizing the County Engineer to advance the 2009 projects to the bid letting stage, to advance the 2010 program to completion of the design construction plans and any right of way acquisition work required, to advance the 2011 to 2013 program to the

preliminary survey and preliminary engineering design of the projects, and the Five Year Construction Improvement Plan be subject to annual review and require County Board authorization (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

4. It was moved and seconded to approve project acceptance for Project S.P. 03-639-11, Resolution 12-08-2E, in the amount of \$60,803.09 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. Project acceptance for Project S.A.P. 03-639-13, Resolution 12-08-2F was removed from the agenda.

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