

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Salminen. Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Knutson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 23, 2008 and January 6, 2009 (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Building Committee meeting. Discussed building code issues.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Highway Committee meeting. Discussed a list of cost saving measures from Brad Wentz.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental Services Committee. Discussed cost saving measures used in 2008 and discussed projects for 2009.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting. Elected Dan Aune as the chair.
 - ii) Attended his first Finance meeting.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - e) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) He will be attending the new Commissioner Training in St. Paul January 14 – 16, 2009.
 - ii) He went for a 125 mile snowmobile ride on the Winter Trails. The trails are in good shape and the resorts are very pleased.
3. Appointments:
 - a) The WesMin Resource Conservation & Development appointment will be approved with the Committee assignments.
 - b) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Mike Brown to the Becker County Economic Development Authority Board to represent District 2 for a six year term (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
 - c) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Don Skarie to the Becker County Planning Commission to represent District 4 for a three year term (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
 - d) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Schutz to the Becker County Board of Adjustments to represent District 3 for a three year term (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

- e) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Mary Seaberg to the Becker County Planning Commission to represent District 3 for a three year term (Schram, Salminen), carried.
- f) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Karen Gray to the Becker County Economic Development Authority Board to represent District 3 for a six year term (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
- g) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Ray Thorkildson to the Becker County Planning Commission to represent District 1 for a three year term (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
- h) It was moved and seconded to approve the Commissioner Committee List for 2009 with the addition of Commissioner Schram to the Human Services and Sheriff's Committees and the addition of Commissioner Nelson to the Environmental Affairs and Highway Committees (Nelson, Schram). After discussion it was moved and seconded to table the motion until later in the meeting (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

- 1. There were no licenses or permits.
- 2. It was moved and seconded to add Resolution 01-09-1F to the agenda (Salminen, Schram), carried.
- 3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-09-1F, Application for Re-purchase of Forfeited Lands, Parcel Number R22.0130.000, by David W. Harper for a repurchase price of \$4,489.27 (Nelson, Schram), carried.
- 4. It was moved and seconded to approved Resolution 01-09-1A designating the Detroit Lakes Tribune (Sunday Paper) as the newspaper in which notice of list of real estate taxes remaining delinquent, proceedings and other notices of the County Board, and the first publication of the financial statement will be published and the Frazee Forum is hereby designated as the newspaper in which the second publication of the financial statement will be published (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

- 1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of Olson Construction for snowmobile trail work and the 90 day claim from Brian Buck (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
- 2. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual audit agreement with Hoffman, Dale & Swenson and authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to begin negotiations or a RFP process for future audits (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
- 3. Discussed local government aid regarding the Highway Department and determined the \$301,000 decrease would not reduce the \$250,000 of County Program Aid in the budget.
- 4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Natural Resource Management's purchase of additional seedlings as part of a reforestation grant and advertising for tree planting labor bids.
- 5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Highway's final payment on bridge projects. Highway gave a summary of the benefits gained by membership in the Minnesota Transportation Alliance and discussed the cost/benefit of the extended warranty available for the 2007 Tandem truck.
- 6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Transit purchase of ride tokens instead of paper tickets.

7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Change Order #008 for Bob Bristlin & Son in the amount of \$4,190.60 for the Phase II construction project (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatement PIN 49.2512.202, Detroit Lakes Township for \$1,418.00 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Citizens for Farmland Preservation

1. Robert Braseth, President of Citizens for Farmland Preservation presented their concerns about, and opposition to the proposed ordinance known as the Watershed Management District being created by the Wild Rice Watershed District. Kim Syverson, Dave Stumbo, Richard Smitt, and David Larson also provided input regarding the ordinance. The Becker County Commissioners will review the Resolution presented for their approval and signature.

Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-09-1B modifying the Personnel Policy Manual for family medical leave (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-09-1C authorizing the Natural Resource Management Administrator and the Auditor to advertise and conduct for the year 2009 public oral auctions for the purpose of selling tracts of timber from Becker County tax-forfeited lands on Friday, February 27th; Friday, July 24th; and Friday, October 23rd (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of 31,000 excess containerized seedlings from PRT, Inc. in the amount of \$3,741.76 using the Reforestation Grant for the purchase (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to advertise for bids for seedling planting labor for the spring of 2009 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Housing

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-09-1D authorizing the transfer of administration duties for the Minnesota Housing Home Rental Rehab Program (HRRP) to West Central Minnesota Housing Partnership in Pelican Rapids Program and authorizing Minnesota Housing to enter into a written agreement for the administration of the HRRP with the West Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of the Service Agreement for Merit Care (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Cost Report (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Ronda Stock, from Becker County Community Health, presented a review of the Public Health responsibilities of the County Commissioners as the Board of Health in Becker County. She requested the County retain all core programs in these times of stress and gave examples of cost savings for the County through these programs.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit purchase of 10,000 tokens in the amount of \$790.00 to replace the paper tickets (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Project Acceptance for Project S.A.P. 03-598-08; 03-598-09; and 03-599-26 and to authorize the final payment in the amount of \$20,274.48, Resolution 01-09-1E (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

Tabled Item – Commissioner Committee Assignments

1. It was moved and seconded to remove the Committee assignments from the table (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. A roll call vote was requested on the tabled motion to approve the Commissioner Committee List for 2009 with the addition of Commissioner Schram to the Human Services and Sheriff's Committees and the addition of Commissioner Nelson to the Environmental Affairs and Highway Committees (Nelson, Schram). Commissioner Schram and Commissioner Nelson voted aye. Commissioner Knutson, Commissioner Bellefeuille, and Commissioner Salminen vote nay. The motion failed.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Commissioner Committee List for 2009 with the replacement of Commissioner Salminen on the Human Services Committee by Commissioner Nelson (Knutson, Bellefeuille). A roll call vote was requested. Commissioner Knutson, Commissioner Bellefeuille, and Commissioner Salminen vote aye. Commissioner Schram and Commissioner Nelson voted nay. The motion carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the replacement of Commissioner Salminen on the Joint Powers Board of Minnesota Counties by Commissioner Nelson (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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 County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen
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 Board Chair