

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 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 Minutes of February 24, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) Duane Erickson, farmer in Becker County, spoke reference his application to be on the Board of the Wild Rice Watershed District. Mr. Erickson answered questions from the Commissioners.
  - b) Warren Seykora spoke reference his application for re-appointment to be on the Board of the Wild Rice Watershed District. Mr. Seykora answered questions from the Commissioners.
  - c) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1G recommending Duane Erickson to represent Clay/Becker County as a Manager on the Wild Rice Watershed District Board (Schram, Knutson), carried.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. Discussed laundry bill adjustments, title transfer on four acres, revenue, overtime, PTO conversion, current bed capacity, marketing the award Ms. Sherbrooke received, and in-house training on line.
    - ii) Attended the Winter Trails meeting. Reported the snowmobile trails are in great shape. Discussed budget status, moving the sign at the Pelican River bridge, and grants for the Wolf Pack trail.
    - iii) Attended the Council on Aging meeting. Health and hospice reports were presented. Discussed the reduction of funds for the Land of the Dancing Sky, tax help for seniors, reduction in Food Pantry donations, the Day of Caring, a new Senior Center in Osage, and Judy Peterson reported on scams targeting seniors.
    - iv) Encouraged the Commissioners to bid on items on the LMC Auction.
    - v) The Historical Society will be holding a fund raiser.
  - b) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Joint Powers Board of the Red River Basin meeting in Mahnomen. Discussed law suits in other counties, counties hiring lobbyists to obtain money, and the water management district in general.
    - ii) Attended the Highway meeting. Items discussed will be presented today.
    - iii) Attended the DL Chamber meeting. Discussed agricultural issues and the committee purpose.
  - c) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Mahube meeting. Discussed the bid award to JP Structures.
    - ii) Attended the Environmental meeting. Discussed the steel bids, brush grinding, hazardous material collection, extension of the Minnkota Recycling contract, Perham's

- request for Becker County to join the proposed incinerator project and grants available for incinerator usage, and the reduction of volume at the landfill.
- iii) Announced the DNR Forum on Ag Practices on Shoreline Properties in Frazee tomorrow has been cancelled.
  - d) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Central Minnesota Teen Challenge by invitation from Dave Seaberg. This is a thirteen month program in Brainerd instead of prison. They have attained a 75% success rate with no re-offending within six months from release.
  - e) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Nothing to report.
  - f) Brian Berg reported on the parking meeting he attended at the City of Detroit Lakes including the possible parking limitations on the streets around the Court House.
  - g) It was moved and seconded to approve attendance at the Wild Rice Watershed appointment meeting by Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Schram to include per diem and mileage (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1A, a gambling permit for the Height of Land Sportsmen's Club for a raffle on May 2, 2009 at the Height of Land Sportsmen's Club in Height of Land Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the 90 day claim from Huntington Group due to misplaced invoice (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to replace a boat and water vehicle and to work with the Highway Department to obtain 10,000 sand bags through the Army Corp of Engineers.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sheriff's replacement of AED batteries carried in five squad cars at an estimated cost of \$775 (Knutson, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sheriff's reimbursement to two part-time STS crew leaders for outdoor clothing and allow the crew leaders to follow the personnel policy for clothing reimbursement in the future (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway's request to advertise and hire seasonal employees, to approve the joint powers agreement between the twelve District #4 counties with the County Attorney's review, and to approve entering into a safety grant agreement with the State of Minnesota with the County Attorney's review.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Services request to accept the low bid from Cat Ziegler for a backhoe in the amount of \$47,819 with a net trade in of \$33,000 on the current Volvo backhoe (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology request to purchase VMware View Manager licenses for 50 users for a cost of \$2,780 plus tax (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Phase I landscaping as an extension of the Luxury Landscaping & Lawn Care contract on the north side of the building for an estimated cost of \$8,695 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Otis Elevator proposal to update the elevator in the original part of the Court House to meet current fire regulations and labeling for a cost of \$1,000 (Schram, Nelson), carried.

### Soil & Water

1. Soil and Water is in receipt of a \$26,000 grant. All Soil and Water information is listed on the Becker County web site under their department with minutes and updates posted regularly.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Local Water Management Plan Amendment and to adopt the letter to Ron Shelito signed by the Board Chair (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1B supporting the gravel pit inspection program, supporting both the inspection and the county purchasing only from certified gravel pit operation for projects in Becker County (Schram, Nelson), carried.

### Public Hearing

1. The Public Hearing on the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Forbes, LLC, DBA: Osage Liquor was opened by Ryan Tangen, Auditor-Treasurer.
2. Ryan Tangen read a letter from Brian Larson opposing the license.
3. Bill Ullom, an Osage resident, presented information opposing the license and requested considering tabling the license to allow time for the community to respond.
4. Gene Forbes presented information on his behalf to support approval of his license request.
5. Dave Lymburner, an Osage businessman, offered information supporting approval of the license request.
6. It was moved and seconded to table the liquor license for Forbes, LLC to allow time for residents to respond and to schedule another Public Hearing on March 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (Knutson, Schram), carried.

### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the purchase of Service Agreements with Emmanuel Community, Meridian Services, Delores Ladwig Foster Care, and Barbara Vanofferen LLC (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

### Emergency Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve moving the North White Earth repeater to the White Earth water tower using grant money from Homeland Security in the amount of \$8,627.52 by Mid-States (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

### Sheriff

1. Information on Grants was added to the Sheriff's agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the low bid from Nereson's to purchase a 2009 fleet priced Chevrolet Silverado 1500 four wheel drive crew cab pick-up for Boat & Water use including the trade in of the Yukon for a price of \$15,836 (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
3. Sheriff Gordon presented Grant information on the Cops Program and the Burn Grant for narcotics in the amount of \$17,126.

County Attorney

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1E proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Becker County (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Highway

1. Resolution 03-09-1F, Bonds Proceeds Grant Agreement, was added to the Highway agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1C authorizing the County Engineer to advertise and hire three long term seasonal employees with a maximum six month term; two for maintenance and one for construction and up to two short term seasonal employees with a maximum three month term with one being an auto body student from NWTC (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1D to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the twelve MNDot District 4 counties to define the rights and obligations of each county for the delivery of project S.P. 088-070-006, a district wide federal highway safety project that will provide safety improvements in the form of pavement markings, rumble stripes, and signing on selected eligible highway routes (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-1F to authorize the Becker County Engineer and the Becker County Chairperson to execute and enter into an Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for SAP 003-639-016 on behalf of the County (Knutson, Schram), carried.
5. The Annual Highway Report was distributed to the Commisioners.

It was agreed by consensus to reschedule the Continuation of the Budget/Strategic Plan to the afternoon of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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