

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 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 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2009 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) Willis Mattison, Osage Township, spoke reference the format of the Public Hearing on the Forest Land Classification and funding concerns for the recreational plan project.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Winter Trails Committee meeting. A grant application has been submitted and officers were elected.
    - ii) Attended the Historical Society meeting. They have set a goal to increase their membership. They are also working on removing asbestos from houses they purchased.
    - iii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting. Budget concerns were discussed.
    - iv) Attended the Development Achievement Center meeting; this was the last meeting until the fall. They will have 5-7 new clients next year.
    - v) Attended the WeFest/Face Safety Committee meeting. They will have a new policy book and require background checks this year.
    - vi) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. They will have five new representatives for the session next fall, a blood drive will be held in July, 295 furlough hours have been scheduled, goals will be reviewed in September, and the Spirit Awards were reviewed.
    - vii) Attended the WesMin Resource Conservation & Development meeting in Fergus Falls; Smoky Timbers Camp sale and liability insurance was discussed.
  - b) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended a meeting with MnDot, Fish and Wildlife, and Soil & Water regarding the high water table at Boyer Lake. The high water is endangering County highway 12 and could possibly cover the roadway with five feet of water if the current driveway fails. A temporary siphon was established. They are looking at the possibility of a permanent structure in different locations to hold the water back or allow it to flow.
  - c) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Read a salute to the Veterans in honor of Memorial Day.
  - d) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting. They have an offer on the house in Lake Park and have formally requested to dissolve the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Detroit Lakes on the Anderson property in the Industrial Park.

- e) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
  - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties video conference regarding financing from the State of Minnesota.
- 3. Appointments
  - a) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Donald Ackerman to the Parks and Recreation Board in District 5 to run from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2012 (Nelson, Knutson), carried
- 4. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by the Commissioners to the Association of Minnesota Counties District Meeting on June 5, 2009 in Fergus Falls including mileage and per diem (Knutson, Schram), carried.
- 5. Brian Berg distributed an Open House schedule for the entrance greeters from 10:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2009.
- 6. Commissioner Nelson reported the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference will be held December 8, 2009, the second Tuesday in December. It was agreed by consensus to move the first Board Meeting in December to the third Tuesday, December 15, 2009.
- 7. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by the Commissioners to the Soil and Water meeting on June 17, 2009 with no mileage or per diem (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no license and permits.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of two over 90 day claims; Otis Elevator for \$3,800 and Meritcare Hospital for \$323, #1 claim was received in January 2009 and believed it was paid in 2008; Board approved August 26, 2008; #2 claim victim lived in Clay County, bill had been formerly sent to Clay County and we recently received it (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Natural Resource Management/Parks and Recreation requests to advertise for bids for site preparation of 195 acres of tree planting, and to reduce the liability insurance limits for timber sales. The Timber Sale Mobilization Refunds were discussed and it was recommended to be handled by the Natural Resource Committee.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Services request to purchase a welder for general welding on the site in the amount of \$1,500 plus tax (Schram, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Services request to purchase three hand held two way radios in the amount of \$1,155 plus tax (Knutson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Services request to purchase a storage tank for used oil collected in the summer months and utilized to heat the maintenance shop during the winter in the amount of \$2,000 plus tax (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's Cash Comparison Report for April 2009 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance request to purchase a portable storage shed to be constructed on the southwest corner of the new parking lot in the amount up to \$2,287 if proper permitting can be obtained from the City of Detroit Lakes (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to purchase the Becker County LiDAR data for \$35,397.14 offset by a Federal Grant for \$15, 424 leaving a balance of \$19,973.14 and to apply funds remaining in the GIS budget in the amount of \$18,281.42 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

#### 2010 Preliminary Budget Discussion

1. The Commissioners and the County Administrator, Brian Berg, discussed the 2010 Budget. Topics included the projected reduced State Aid, Becker County projected revenue reductions and projected expenditures. Possible choices are to cut services, increase taxes, or both.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Child and Family Services Report (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Reports (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Knutson, Schram), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

#### Planning and Zoning

1. Planning Commission Recommendations, May 19, 2009: First Order of Business: Mark Kent, AT & T Mobility and American Tower Corporation. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve a 4 tenant communications site complete with a 300 ft guyed tower, 4 sets of antenna and coax cable, 4 equipment buildings (12 ft x 20 ft), tower base and buildings and anchors to be enclosed with a 6 ft high chain link fence with 3 barb wire anti-climb fence on the property located at 24893 370<sup>th</sup> St in White Earth Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. Second Order of Business: Scott and Vicki Stelter. It was moved and seconded to approve a conditional use permit to construct a 100 ft by 200ft outdoor riding arena with a 20 ft by 20 ft crows nest to be utilized for horse shows. The arena would normally be open between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays on the property located at 24300 Co Rd 149 in Richwood Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the following stipulations: 1) the driveway will be widened in the best possible location 8 feet by 50 feet for traffic to meet, and 2) the driveway widening work will be completed before the first show in June (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. Third Order of Business: Bruce Qvammen. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone from high density residential to residential and approve the certificate of survey for three lots on the property located in Height of Land

Township PID Numbers 15.0493.300 – 15.0493.312 based on the fact that this subdivision would have less impact on the lake than the 12 unit development, which will be abandoned with the stipulation that a road agreement with Height of Land Township be amended and recorded prior to approval of the certificate of survey (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

4. Fourth Order of Business: Curt and Shelly Ulrich. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for two lots on the property located at 17087 US Hwy 10 in Audubon Township based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. Fifth Order of Business: Final Plat of Hanson's Mountain View Shores. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Hanson's Mountain View Shores First Addition based on the fact that the plat meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. Sixth Order of Business: West Central Initiative along with Government Training Services is hosting a training workshop for city and county planning commission members on June 4, 2009 in Fergus Falls. The next Informational Meeting will be held June 11, 2009 at 8:00 am in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the original Courthouse.

#### Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-09-2A, that all forest roads and trails on county-administered, tax-forfeited lands within the boundaries of the Smoky Hills and Two Inlets State Forests be identified and designated with regards to off-highway vehicle use consistent with the designations on state-administered lands; that all forest roads and trails on county-administered, tax-forfeited lands within the boundaries of the White Earth State Forest be open to motorized use unless (1) reclassified for other uses, or (2) restricted through signs, gates, berms, or other means; that all forest roads and trails on county-administered lands outside of state forest boundaries be open to motorized use unless (1) reclassified for other uses, or (2) restricted through signs, gates, berms, or other means; that the County commit to development of an Outdoor Recreation Plan within a timely fashion; that the Natural Resources Management Department be granted the authority to close any forest road or trail on county-administered tax-forfeited land, either temporarily or permanently, when such action is necessary for the protection of the forest, the road or trail, or the general public (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Randy Torma to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee to run from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011 (Knutson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve advertising for bids for mechanical and chemical preparation of eight tree planting sites for spring 2010 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve reducing the General Liability Insurance limits and the Automotive Liability Insurance limits required on timber sales from \$1.2 million to \$1 million (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Harry Salminen  
Harry Salminen  
Board Chair