

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 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 with the addition of per diem items and closing the Court House on Christmas Eve afternoon under Commissioners (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of November 24, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) No one wishing to speak.

Commissioners

2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference in St. Paul. Attended several meetings including Tribal Affairs, budgeting and finance.
  - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting; discussed the proceed from land sale, gravel reserves on tax forfeited land, and future timber sales.
  - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended WesMin Resource Conservation & Development meeting; discussed the long range plan for water management and land conservation and the process of harvesting of corn cobs for heat production.
    - ii) Attended the Council on Aging meeting. Judy Peterson retired and Karen Lenius is her replacement from Mahube.
    - iii) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting; discussed the bonds and other ways to be profitable.
    - iv) Commented on the Economic Development Authority nomination and preferred waiting until a later date.
    - v) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference in St. Paul. Attended several meetings including the creation of Commissioner quorums through emails, preserving agricultural lands, media contacts during mediation proceedings, and the use of body language.
    - vi) Reported on calls received from constituents regarding Human Services payments and the cutting of pine in timber sales.
    - vii) Reported on a meeting with Assessor Skoog and the new technology available for determining new buildings on property.
  - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Was unable to attend the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting; he was assigned the Vice Chair position.
    - ii) Attended the Agricultural Forum meeting in Callaway with Commissioner Schram; their attendance was recognized and input on County activities was appreciated.

- iii) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference in St. Paul; attended several meetings including protocol for lobbying legislators, the funding of humans services programs, and tax options for the state.
  - iv) Will be attending the Extension meeting tonight. The 4-H Coordinator position has closed and they have four applicants.
  - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Environment Services Committee meeting; discussed the Joint Powers, the Wenck Agreement, and volumes and usage at the Transfer Station.
    - ii) Attended the Mahube meeting; discussed the MCIT Insurance, Mahube representatives met with Ronda Stock from the County, budget sources, and the Head Start program finances.
    - iii) Attended the Highway Committee meeting; discussed the five year plan and the use of GPS when they grade the roads, and the length of the road grading contracts.
2. Appointments:
- a) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Jeff Moritz to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed as a District Manager for a three year term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
  - b) The Cormorant Lakes Watershed is considering changing from a three member Board to a five member Board. It was agreed by consensus the Watershed should proceed. Commissioner Nelson will report this to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed.
  - c) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Paul Bursik, Susan Hovdenes and Donna Sauvageau to the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) Board for three year terms from 2010 to 2012 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
  - d) It was agreed by consensus to postpone the appointment to the West Central Initiative Economic Development District Board until January.
  - e) It was moved and seconded to approved the Schedule of Meetings for 2010, Resolution 12-09-1A with the addition of January 5, 2010 for the organizational meeting (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
  - f) It was moved and seconded to approve scheduling the 2010 Commissioner/Department Head Planning Session for January 12, 2010 with a working lunch to continue after the regular scheduled Board meeting (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
  - g) It was moved and seconded to approve per diems for the Highway Road Tour and the Agricultural Forum (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of four over 90 days claims; Tweeton Refrigeration for \$238.30 due to outstanding question, Eco Lab for \$69.47 due to mailing issues, Don Lefebvre for \$542.50 for committee work and St. Mary's for \$1,340.10 for inmate care and the Auditor's Warrants for 11/24/09 in the amount of \$201,608.12; 12/01/09 in the amount of \$13,366.65; 12/02/09 in the amount of \$6,489,535.74; and 12/08/09 in the amount of \$47,921.27 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance request to accept the low quote of \$665.42 per month from Detroit Disposal for refuse collection at the Courthouse and Human Services (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to accept the bid for jail food service for one year.

4. It was moved and seconded to approve Information Technology's request to purchase Window Server 2008 operating system upgrade for 8 server licenses and 300 client access licenses for a cost of \$9,380 and the request to purchase Symantec Annual Maintenance for a cost of \$9,964 (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Information Technology's request to purchase four computers (1 – Assessor, 1 – Recorders and 2 spare computers) and three monitors (2 spare monitors and 1 for maintenance) totaling \$2,599 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 12-09-1C to call \$1,165,000 in bonds in February of 2010 for Sunnyside Care and to move forward with the self funding process (Schram, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for October (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Finance Committee to meet on December 29, 2009 to approve year end claims and authorize payment (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve out of state travel for Ms. Brooke, Veteran Service Officer from February 1-6, 2010 to Ft. Lewis Washington serving on the reintegration team (travel expense to be paid by grant funds) (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements for PIN 19.0155.000 in Lake View Township for \$496; PIN 11.0081.000 for \$10, PIN 11.0091.000 for \$18, PIN 11.0081.000 for \$86, and PIN 11.0085.000 for \$86 in Evergreen Township (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

#### Environmental Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Wenck Associates Agreement in the amount of \$65,500 for submitting to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) a Capital Assistance Program (CAP) grant for construction projects at the Transfer Station (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. Steve Skoog commented on the Joint Powers Agreement and will send the notes to the Commissioners for their review.

#### Economic Development Authority

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 12-09-1B, for submission of a Deed Grant for residential revitalization, rehabilitation and redevelopment for the Cities of Callaway, Mahnommen and Waubun (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. Commissioner Salminen opened the Public Hearing for the submission of the Deed Grant and called for comments three times, receiving none.
3. Commissioner Salminen closed the Public Hearing,

#### Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to table approval of the A'Viands, LLC Food Service Management Agreement until reviewed by the County Attorney (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Park Rapids Area Office, Doug Kingsley

1. It was moved and seconded to table the request for Certification of Fee Acquisition for the 80 acre parcel owned by Janette Frantes along the Straight River in Osage Township until the Commissioners receive input from Osage Township and did not require Mr. Kingsley to come back for approval a second time (Schram, Knutson), carried.

## Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Provider Service Agreement to deliver Chemical Dependency Assessments and Psychological Diagnostic Assessments services and to be able to bill for the services at a rate of \$189.98 per service (Nelson, Bellefeuille), 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, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Transportation Agreement with Clay County Rural Transit that provides transportation from the communities of Detroit Lakes, Audubon, and Lake Park to the Fargo/Moorhead area Monday through Friday for a yearly total of \$7,235.75 or \$602.98 per month for January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioner Salminen left the meeting and Commissioner Bellefeuille came to the chair and presided over the meeting.

## Commissioners

1. It was moved and seconded to approve closing the Court House at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2009 with employees using vacation, comp or furlough time or they could choose to work behind closed doors if they do not wish to take the time off; this is not a paid holiday (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. The Commissioner's Holiday Tea will be held at the Board meeting on December 22, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

## County Recreational Plan

2. Brian Berg presented the minutes from the County Recreational Plan Committee meeting. There will be a meeting today at 3:00 p.m. for the government agencies, cities, schools, and townships.

## Labor Negotiations

2. It was moved and seconded to close the session for Labor Negotiations (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to open the session concluding the Labor Negotiations (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

## Highway 5 Year Plan

1. Maps were displayed and input was received at the third floor meeting room reference the Highway 5 Year Plan.

## 2010 Tax Levy Public Input

1. Board meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chair John Bellefeuille presiding. All Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Salminen. A presentation was made reference the tax levy increase. The Board entertained four or five comments from the audience, mostly dealing with market valuations and changes of classification.

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