

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, December 22, 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 under Commissioners #6 Sheriff, Jail Food Contract and #7 Economic Development Authority, Resolution 12-09-2G (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting. Discussed timber sales and the timber industry.
    - ii) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting; all new homes have sold and one item will be brought to the Board today.
  - b) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting; Spirit Awards were accepted; discussed modifications to the By Laws; cell phone etiquette classes; and LMC Bay in March to raise funds for the Food Pantry.
    - ii) Attended the Winter Trails meeting; discussed repairs to the groomers and snowmobile routes.
    - iii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting; discussed budgets, satisfaction surveys, and senior centers.
    - iv) Attended the Historical Society meeting; discussed the Water Carnival book, Tuesday events; receipt of a grant and the use of the money; events in February; and continuing the pursuit of a new building.
    - v) Attended the Recreational Plan meeting; the open communication was very positive; the universal use of trails came up several times; and the next meeting is for special interest groups.
    - vi) Expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support during his first year of service.
  - c) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Recreational Plan meeting; impressed with how well it went and the work done by the IT Department with the map overlays to the web site.
    - ii) Attended the Extension Committee meeting with Commissioner Bellefeuille; announced the offering of the 4-H position to Mickey Okeson.
    - iii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting; discussed budget items and funds.
    - iv) Attended the Soil and Water meeting; they anticipate receiving one time grants this year to help their program offerings; lost their plat book supplier and are looking for a new company; and they are looking into new suppliers for native prairie seeds to lower the costs.

- d) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Recreational Plan meeting; impressed with the work done by the IT Department on the web site using google maps.
    - ii) Attended the Highway Five Year Plan meeting; will be brought to the Board today.
    - iii) Attended the Environmental Committee meeting; Joint Powers discussed; flow control of material and the Incinerator Project.
  - e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Mahube meeting; discussed the Christmas presents for children project and the volunteers involved.
    - ii) Attended the White Earth Weed and Seed Committee meeting; they have decided to cease pursuing the grant as the match monies were too large; instead go for smaller grants; main focus to be youth diversion projects for the Reservation; and they expressed their appreciation for Becker County's participation.
4. Brian Berg discussed the change of plan for Western Area City County Co-op.
  5. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2010 Commissioners Compensation, Resolution 12-09-2B with no change from 2009 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  6. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2010 Budget, Resolution 12-09-2C, expenditures by fund \$38,337,966, revenues by fund \$38,678,221, tax levy for collection of \$17,501,553, and the Becker County Economic Development District is authorized to levy a tax for 2010 estimated to be \$175,633 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  7. It was moved and seconded to remove from the table the Jail Food Contract bid (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  8. It was moved and seconded to reject any and all bids for the Jail Food Service (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
  9. It was moved and seconded to extend the Jail Food Contract with Avians' utilizing Section 1 paragraph (a) allowing for a continuation of existing contract with Amendment 6 for calendar year 2010 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Local Government Application Resolution 12-09-2G authorizing Becker County act as the legal sponsor for the project applied to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding this project on behalf of Cities of Callaway, Waubun and Mahnomen (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
  11. Ryan Tangen presented the Budget books to the Commissioners representing the data in Resolution 12-09-2C.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with two over 90 day (1) Larry Knutson for \$3,528.10 and (2) Jeff Moritz for \$183.80 due to size of claim and the Auditor's Warrants for 12/15/09 in the amount of \$140,333.36 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. The Human Services claims were not reviewed.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Resources request to establish the VEBA contributions to the Active Employees Plan for 2010, Resolution 12-09-2D (Schram, Knutson), carried.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's requests to reject all bids received for the 2010 food contract.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway requests to authorize final payment for SAP 03-610-07 and 03-631-12.

6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request to approve the 2010 budget representing a 1.38% increase over 2009.
7. Mr. Berg requested consideration for establishing the Commissioners 2010 salaries.
8. Mr. Berg expressed a thank you to Ryan Tangen and his staff for their work on the Budget.

#### Environmental Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Solid Waster Haulers Licenses for 2010 for any hauler who meets the requirements by December 31, 2009 and to remove the volume report as a condition for approval from the listing (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. Steve Skoog will send a letter to all the haulers reminding them of the end of the year requirements for their license and stipulating next year the paperwork must be in before getting Board approval for their license in 2011.

#### County Attorney

1. It was moved and seconded to close the session, Resolution 12-09-2A as authorized by statute to review the litigation posture at the court ordered Settlement Conference scheduled January 11, 2010 for Anderson, et al. (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to open the session (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

#### Commissioner's Holiday Tea

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

#### Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Wabaunaquat First Addition, White Earth Lake since there were no changes to the plat from the preliminary plat (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition under Transit of the Public Transit Participation Grant (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report, Child and Family Services Report, and Financial Assistance Report (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Schram, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve acceptance of the Public Transit Participation Grant between Mn/DOT and Becker County Transit for 2010 with the local share being \$48,450 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Schram, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Sheriff

1. Sheriff Tim Gordon presented Michael Smith with the Minnesota State Sheriff's Association Volunteer of the Year Award and Ryan Swanson with the Becker County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award. There were many citizens and employees for the City of Detroit Lakes in attendance.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 12-09-2E to accept the completed Project SAP 03-610-07 & SAP 03-631-12 and authorize final payment in the amount of \$31,127.10 to Mark Sand & Gravel (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 12-09-2F authorized the County Engineer to advance the 2010 projects to the bid letting stage and to take such steps as may be necessary to advance the 2011 program to completion of the design construction plans and any right of way acquisition work required to achieve the goals of the program and to take such steps as may be necessary to advance the 2012 to 2014 program to the preliminary survey and preliminary engineering design of the projects (Schram, Knutson), carried.

State of the County/Commissioner Salminen

1. Commissioner Salminen gave the State of the County address highlighting the accomplishments, challenges, and new projects of the Becker County Team throughout the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg  
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen  
Harry Salminen  
Board Chair