

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda:

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Bellefeuille. Commissioners in attendance; also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2010 (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Joann Splonskowski, Erie Township Supervisor spoke reference the Detroit Mountain Project. Erie Township is against the County being involved in the project but they are in favor of the project using private investors or other methods.
 - b) Justin Klemetson, Walworth Township Chair spoke reference the Detroit Mountain Project. He presented a Resolution from the Becker County Association of Township Officers against trading forfeited land for the Detroit Lakes Mountain Recreation acquisition.
 - c) Janice Haggart, Pelican River Watershed Board Manager spoke reference her desire to be re-appointed to the Board at the next meeting.
 - d) Jeff Staley, Detroit Mountain Recreation Area member spoke reference the status of the feasibility study they are currently working on.
 - e) Mark Fritz, Detroit Mountain Recreation Area member spoke reference waiting for the feasibility study to be completed before action is taken.
 - f) Walt Lenius, resident of Erie Township spoke reference the Detroit Mountain Project, he is concerned about road issues and revenues for the township.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority meeting; discussed the incinerator project and appointed a chair and vice chair.
 - ii) Attended the Parks & Recreation meeting; discussed a suggested draft of a new ordinance and agreed by consensus to keep the tramway open for 2010.
 - iii) Attended the Environmental Services meeting; discussed the eastern site and new containers for recycling.
 - iv) Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Osage Township fire hall.
 - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting with Commissioner Nelson; discussed replacement of flooring.
 - ii) Attended the Winter Trails Committee meeting; discussed funding sources, groomer upgrades, and grooming the trails in the northern part of the County.
 - iii) Attended the Historical Society meeting; discussed employee duties and the new building project.

- iv) Attended the Highway Committee meeting; discussed proposals for the Superintendent position after the current retirement, emergency phone card numbers, and bidding two projects at the same time to lower the costs.
 - v) Attended the North Country Trail meeting in Frazee; discussed work on the Vergas and Frazee trails.
 - vi) Presented information on the LMC Complaint Free Zone with Nancy Grabanski assisting.
- d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
- i) Attended the Highway meeting with Commissioner Schram; discussed the business cards with the emergency phone numbers.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental meeting with Commissioner Knutson; discussed the expansion of recycling products and the building options at the Transfer Station.
- e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
- i) Nothing to report.
3. Appointments:
- a) There were no appointments.
4. Brian Berg presented information on County Program Aid from the State of Minnesota; there will be a reduction of market value credits for \$346,000 for 2010 in addition to the unallotment amount. Also discussed the customer service program “Where You Matter” and the possible applications.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Schram at the Wild Rice Watershed Public Hearing and Continued Special Meeting on April 21, 2010 in Ada with per diem and mileage (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
6. Chair Bellefeuille commented on the high level of customer service received by Federal employees on their visit to Becker County; Laurie Brooke will be in later today to give a report.

Auditor-Treasurer, Ryan Tangen presented:

1. Ryan Tangen opened the floor for comments for the Public Hearing for the new off sale liquor license for Gerald Hanson-Charlie’s Bar. No one commented and the Public Hearing was closed.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the new off sale liquor license for Gerald Hanson-Charlies Bar in Height of Land Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-10-1C for a lease for gambling by Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics for operations at Little Easy on the Green in Lake View Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-10-1D to conduct off-site gambling by Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics for a raffle on September 4, 2010 at Hotel Shoreham in Lake View Township (Schram, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-10-1G for gambling by Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club for operations at Swanie’s Resort and Campground in Cormorant Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the new on sale liquor license for Jody Beaudine-Lakes One Stop Shop LLC in Cormorant Township (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination off sale liquor license renewals for (1) Patricia Maloney-Cormorant Bottle Shop in Cormorant Township, and (2) Forbes LLC-Osage Liquor in Osage Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to approve the new on sale liquor license renewals for (1) Kevin Karel-Cormorant Inn & Suites in Cormorant Township, and (2) Patricia Maloney-The Pub in Cormorant Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the new wine & strong beer renewals for (1) Fair Hills Inc.-Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills in Lake Eunice Township, and (2) Rayna Tucker-Ice Cracking Lodge in Round Lake Township (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination on & off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Richard Bartelt-Four Corners in Erie Township, and (2) Bradley Swanson-Swanie's in Cormorant Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Rayna Tucker-Ice Cracking Lodge in Round Lake Township, and (2) Fair Hills Inc.-Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills in Lake Eunice Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Fair Hills Inc.-Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills in Lake Eunice Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.
13. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual tubing license renewals for (1) Cathleen & James Pihlaja-Charlies Ottertail Tubing in Erie Township, and (2) Eddie Enger & Ben Garlie-Ed's River Run in Erie Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes, Ryan Tangen presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the correction to move payment to Fegely Services from Maintenance to Public Safety; over 90 day claims (1) Farmers Brothers Coffee due to missing invoice, (2) Roger Lundberg due to invoice discrepancy, (3) Manning Mechanical due to negotiations, and (4) Joe McArthur due to misplaced receipt and the Auditor's Warrants for 3/23/10 in the amount of \$179,068.88; 3/31/10 in the amount of \$23,840.31; 4/6/10 in the amount of \$893.54 and 4/8/10 in the amount of \$8,200 Emergency Warrant (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. The Human Services claims were reviewed and it was recommended to approve as presented.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Brad Grant's request to accept the Natural Resources Block Grant – Sewage Treatment System to be used by the Planning and Zoning office.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's requests to accept the Boat and Water enforcement grant and the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of corrections for housing work release prisoners.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatement of 50% of the 2008 and 2009 taxes assessed against the commercial property 50.0404.001, penalty and interest held if paid in full by April 15, 2010 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to accept the Minnesota grant for the purchase of a radio by the Transit department.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve retroactively the out of state travel for Laurie Brooke to assist with the troops returning to Wisconsin on extremely short notice (Schram, Salminen), carried.
8. Discussed the current level of State cuts; the latest figure indicates Becker County will be cut \$350,000 for the allotted market value credit.

Assessor, Steve Skoog presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements for PIN 24.0237.000 in Richwood Township for \$240 and for PIN 26.0116.000 in Runeberg Township for \$158 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff, Tim Gordon presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-10-1B accepting the Annual Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$25,054 for the term January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections for work release services, Contract No. B41751 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (Schram, Salminen), carried.
3. Discussed the need to submit bids for squad cars early as the contracts have a May deadline this year; Ford is discontinuing Crown Vics.

Soil & Water, Brad Grant presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Natural Resources Block Grant for the MPCA Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Program administered through the Planning and Zoning Office in the amount of \$9,931 for 2010 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Veteran Services, Lauri Brooke presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to enter into a partnership between the Becker County Veterans Service Office and the Minnesota Military Family Assistance Centers to better serve veterans (Schram, Salminen), carried.

Human Resources, Nancy Grabanski presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-10-1E to modify the Personnel Policy Manual under various sections to modify language to provide consistency throughout (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve and accept the AFSCME Letter of Agreements for the Highway unit (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Human Services, Nancy Nelson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health WIC application for the years 2011 through 2015 (Knutson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Schram, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept Resolution 04-10-1F for the Transit MnDot Funding to reimburse Becker County Transit 80% of the costs associated with the accessories that went into the ARRA funded buses (Schram, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Red River Basin Commission, Janeen Stenso presented:

1. The annual update on Red River Basin Commission activities, an update on the Long Term Flood Solutions (LTFS) project, and other water issues affecting Becker County was presented.
2. An award was presented to Becker County from the Red River Basin Commission for signing the Resolution of Support in 2009.

County Recreational Plan, Brian Berg and Guy Fischer presented:

1. The minutes from the County Recreational Plan Committee meeting April 1, 2010 were reviewed. SRF Consulting has been scheduled for the April 15th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Board Discussion Reference County Acquiring Lookout Mountain Property (Detroit Mountain), Brian Berg presented:

1. A background of the Detroit Mountain projects was presented by Brian Berg.
2. Commissioner Bellefeuille and Commissioner Salminen agreed to keep an open mind and continue the research.
3. Commissioner Knutson does not want government involved in the private sector and the townships have submitted a Resolution to not trade forfeited land for the acquisition; hopes the feasibility study is good and that private investors will get involved.
4. Commissioner Schram would like more information on the cost of the project before making a decision.
5. Commissioner Nelson looks forward to the results of the feasibility study and feels a courtesy call to the owner would be appropriate.
6. Several guests in the audience commented on the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ John Bellefeuille
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Board Chair