

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 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. Chair Bellefeuille requested a moment of silence in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Week.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2010 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Russ Jasken, Ogema resident, spoke reference the Mini-truck usage in Becker County and requested an ordinance be passed for Mini-trucks to operate on county and township roads in Becker County.
 - b) Tim Gordon, Becker County Sheriff, spoke reference the new law passed by the State of Minnesota regarding Mini-truck usage. It was agreed by consensus to bring Mini-truck usage to the Sheriff's Committee.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Historical Society meeting; discussed possible revenues to fund a new building.
 - ii) Attended the Becker County Council on Aging meeting; discussed the Senior Center and other topics.
 - iii) Attended the Highway Committee meeting; discussed long term employee retirements and the Callaway railroad crossing.
 - b) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Highway meeting with Commissioner Schram.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report; all Committee meetings attended are being brought before the Board.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report; all Committee meetings attended are being brought before the Board.
 - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Parks & Recreation meeting; election of Chair and Vice Chair was held; discussed the North Country Trail with a recommendation to proceed.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental Services meeting; discussed the proposed eastern site in the County, the grant request for containers, and the proposal to sell scrap metal.
 - iii) Attended the Joint Powers meeting; discussed the master plan and by-laws; tabled both items; discussed expansion, the material recovery facility, the possible purchase of land, appointed an Executive Director and requested a quote from Overland Insurance.
3. Appointments:
 - a) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Ray Vlasak to the Becker County Park Board to represent District 1 for a three year term (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson passed out a letter from Jerry Simmonson requesting re-appointment as the At Large representative on the Park Board.

4. The Board of Equalization will be held June 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by the Commissioners to the AMC District 4 Meeting on May 21, 2010 in Alexandria with per diem and mileage (Nelson, Schram), carried.
6. Discussed the budget; agreed by consensus to send a letter to the county's six legislators in support of not revisiting the cuts and instead moving forward.

Auditor-Treasurer, Ryan Tangen presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-10-1A for a raffle for the Humane Society of the Lakes on August 21, 2010 for operation at Hotel Shoreham in Lake View Township (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes, Ryan Tangen presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the over 90 day claims (1) American Tower Corp. due to missing invoices, (2) Becker County Highway due to misplaced invoices and the Auditor's Warrants for 4/28/10 in the amount of \$176,554.24 and 4/15/10 in the amount of \$16,020.31 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. The Human Services claims were reviewed and it was recommended to approve as presented.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology request to hire an intern starting in May and ending in September totaling around \$7,700 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve repair of seven election machines by ES&S at an estimated cost of \$4,300 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for March (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the transfer of \$222,040 from the Resource Development Fund as allowed by MN Statute 282.08 to replace all or a portion of the amount of aid not received due or aid cuts or unallotment from the State (Salminen, Schram), carried.
7. The plan for the establishment of a joint Transfer Station and Highway Shop was reviewed but due to ongoing negotiations, the detailed plan will be presented at a later date.

Assessor, Steve Skoog presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements for (1) PIN 02.0265.000 in Audubon Township for \$196; (2) PIN 08.0778.00 in Detroit Township for \$202 and PIN 08.1227.511 in Detroit Township for \$12; (3) PIN 12.9045.000 in Forest Township for \$56; (4) PIN 15.0208.000 in Height of Land Township for \$602; (5) PIN 26.0126.001 in Runeberg Township for \$272; (6) PIN 26.9020.000 in Runeberg Township for \$480; (7) PIN 29.0049.000 in Silver Leaf Township for \$14; (8) PIN 31.0113.000 in Spruce Grove Township for \$954 and PIN 31.0113.002 in Spruce Grove Township for \$(954); (9) PIN 47.0019.460 in Audubon City for \$288; (10) PIN 48.0066.502 in Callaway City for \$(50) and PIN 48.0066.503 in Callaway City for \$(4); and (11) PIN 49.2471.072 in Detroit Lakes for \$12,752 (Salminen, Schram), carried.

Parks and Recreation, Chip Lohmeier presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to add the North Country Trail to the agenda (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-10-1B for Becker County to act as the local sponsor, approve the applications, enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota and appoint a fiscal agent for the Winter Wonderland and Wolf Pack Trail Systems Grants (Schram, Salminen), carried.

3. One of the two “At-Large” positions on the Becker County Park Board expired on April 30, 2010. Commissioners were requested to consider candidates to fill the position.
4. It was moved and seconded to endorse the North Country Trail route as proposed by the Laurentian Lakes Chapter of the North Country Trail and that the LLC and the County Land Commissioner negotiate any minor deviations from the current route to avoid potential conflicts (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Highway, Brad Wentz presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-10-1D authorizing and directing the County Engineer to work with the City of Callaway and either accept or reject the Federal rail safety funds for the CSAH 84 rail crossing based on the final decision of the Callaway City Council (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-10-1C officially recognizing and thanking John Okeson for his exemplary service to Becker County and wishing him well in his retirement (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
3. A construction update was presented.

Human Services, Nancy Nelson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Schram, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health acceptance of Grants from BCCI in the amount of \$5,000 and WeCare in the amount of \$160 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the change to the advertising policy for the bus wraps to include “businesses promoting gambling” (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Schram), carried.

County Recreational Plan, Brian Berg, Guy Fischer and Chip Lohmeier presented:

1. The minutes from the County Recreational Plan Committee meeting April 15, 2010 were reviewed along with a discussion of the May 6, 2010 meeting.

Detroit Mountain Feasibility Study Report, Aaron Lauinger presented:

1. The Detroit Mountain Feasibility Study Report was presented.
2. Several guests in the audience commented on the report.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve sending the Detroit Mountain project to the Finance Committee for further investigation into the options available for purchasing the property (Nelson, Salminen), carried. Discussion time: discussion centered around a negotiated price for the property and there appeared to be a general consensus that Finance Committee is charged with communicating with the seller for the purpose of establishing a sales price which would be brought to the Board for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ John Bellefeuille
John Bellefeuille
Board Chair