

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda:

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Bellefeuille. Commissioners in attendance with Commissioner Salminen absent; also Acting Administrator, Nancy Grabanski and, Minute Taker, Kathy Ohman.
2. It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda to change the Closed Session to Discuss Purchase Option of D.L. Mountain to a Discussion until all Board members are present. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2010 with the following change: under Commissioner Knutson's Reports and Correspondence change the meeting place of the Joint Powers Board from Fergus Falls to Perham.(Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Lanny Waalen told the Board he feels taxes are a huge issue to everyone and the State and Federal Government are out of touch with the general public. He cautioned the Commissioners to consider the financial burden to our youth and to consider that factor when the Commissioners look at the purchase option of D.L. Mountain or any other venture they may be looking at.
 - b) Willis Mattison spoke as representative of the Becker County Citizens of Recreational Trails. The group supports the proper use of motorized recreation trails and wants the rules to be open, honest, fair and legal. They feel a Resolution passed in 2009 gave motorized access to off highway vehicles on County owned land to a select group and everyone else has to wait for the Recreational Plan to take effect. Suggested the resolution be suspended or withdrawn.
2. Reports and Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Natural Resources Committee meet and discussed easements across County owned land for private owners.
 - b) Attended the Park and Recreational Board meeting. Viewed bid results received for groomers from various groomer and drag teams. Discussion on whether they had to be hired as a groomer and drag team or could be looked at as separate entities. Reported the rubber tracks are bad on the ASV that only has 1000 hours on it. The issue is being looked into.
 - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the AMC conference in Walker on August 12th and 13th with Commissioner Nelson. Reported it was an excellent conference; he obtained good information. He recommended this speaker be utilized for all new commissioners.
 - ii) Attended the West Central/Land Dancing Sky agency on Aging where the board approved a purchase of a computer.
 - iii) Discussed the Senior food reimbursement program.
 - iv) Attended the Highway Committee Meeting and discussed the position for Highway Maintenance Superintendent and that the position has been re-advertised. Noted the Washington Avenue project is on schedule.

- v) Discussed concerns over a zoning issue with junk on property being moved from one area to another. Zoning is addressing the issue.
- d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the LRL (Lake Region Agassiz Regional Library) meeting where they discussed a study which looked at LRL joining with another regional library for benefits and savings. Found LRL is a very sound organization and the other region was not as sound. LRL is looking at a 0% increase.
 - ii) Attended Sunnyside meeting and examined the Senior Nutritional Program. The counter offer was for an additional \$ 0.25 per meal. There are serious issues with NSI. They are cutting staff which does not benefit the seniors.
 - iii) There will be a Buffalo/Red River tour on August 25th if anyone is interested.
 - iv) Attended the AMC conference in Walker on August 12th and 13th. He felt it was an excellent leadership school which had you examine yourself and how you respond to different situations. In order to attain your goals you have for the County, everyone needs to work together.
- e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) He was glad Commissioners Nelson and Schram attended the AMC conference in Walker and would have attended himself if the meeting had been after the November election.
 - ii) He had nothing else to report on today.
- 4. Appointments:
 - a) It was moved and seconded with gratitude to approve Resolution 08.10.2B to Appoint Lauri Brooke, Becker County Veteran's Services Officer for a four year term. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
 - b) It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Schram appoint Jerry Schutz as his representative for the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Board. (Schram, Nelson), carried.
 - c) It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Knutson appoint Ray Vlasik as his representative for the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Board. (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 - d) Commissioners asked Nancy Grabanski, Acting County Administrator, to obtain Commissioner Salminen's appointment to the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Board for the next scheduled board meeting.
 - e) Discussed the MRCC Organization and whether the County wanted to become a member. Commissioner Schram made a motion to become a member of MRCC there was no second to the motion. Commissioners said it could be considered for the budgeting session.
 - f) Acting County Administrator, Nancy Grabanski, informed the board she is not applying for the position of County Administrator. This will enable her to take part and assist in the hiring process of the new County Administrator. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution 08.10.2E to advertise, interview and hire a full-time County Administrator. (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer, Licenses and Permits

- a) There were no licenses or permits

Finance Committee Minutes, Ryan Tangen presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the over 90 day claims (1) Brian Buck in the amount of \$100.00; and the Auditor's Warrants for 8/10/2010 in the amount of \$16,297.93 and for 8/17/2010 in the amount of \$19,544.21. (Nelson, Knutson), 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 the request of Darlene Maneval, Becker County Recorder, to rebind vital record books and indexes up to the amount of \$11,322.44 unless another quote is for less with the stipulation the books stay in house. (Schram, Nelson), carried.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve when presented Resolution 08.10.2C to fill two vacancies for a full-time Financial Worker and to approve Resolution 08.10.2G to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation services in Becker County.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve when presented Resolution 08.10.2D to accept said completed project S.A.P. 03-639-16 and S.A.P. 03-654-03 for and on behalf of the County of Becker and authorize final payment in the amount of \$84,631.28 be prepared by the County Engineer.
6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve when presented Resolution 08.10.2A that Becker County approves the specific areas designated in the application for the creation of a tax free zone, approves of the use of tax exemptions and tax credits within the designated JOBZ Subzone for RMB Environmental Laboratories Labs.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Cash Comparison and investment Summary for July as presented. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to recommend to file a "Notice of Waiver of Allocation of Recovery Zone Bond Allocation" returning our portion to the State for redistribution. (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
9. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Resolution 08.10.2E to advertise, interview and hire a full-time County Administrator.

Assessor: Abatements

1. There were no abatements.

Guy Fischer, EDA Presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08.10.2A to approve specific areas designated in the application for the creation of a tax free zone, approve of the use of tax exemptions and tax credits within the designated JOBZ Subzone and to approve Business Subsidy and Relocation Agreement. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Soil and Water, Brad Grant Presented:

1. Motion was made and seconded to open the public hearing for the updated Local Water Management Plan. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. Brad Grant commented on the public hearing process on the Water Plan update.
3. Commissioner Knutson thanked Mr. Grant for his work on the Water Management Plan.
4. Motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing for the updated Local Water Management Plan. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
5. Motion was made and seconded to approve to forward the Amended Implementation Schedule for the BWSR review and approval process. (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Park and Recreation; Mark Lohmeier presented:

1. Mr. Lohmeier gave a power point presentation of the draft County Parks and Recreation Ordinance.
2. Patty Swenson, Planning and Zoning, presented the draft of the Review Process within the County Recreational Plan.

Human Services: Nancy Nelson Presented:

1. Under Transit add Resolution 08.10.2G. There were no other additions or corrections to the Human Services Agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08.10.2C to fill two full-time Financial Worker vacancies due to resignations. (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the Contract with MNCare. (Schram, Knutson), carried
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Monthly Reports. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims. (Knutson, Schram),carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Reports. (Knutson, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims. (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08.10.2G to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation services in Becker County, Minnesota. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Schram, Nelson), carried
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Ridership Claims. (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Planning and Zoning, Patty Swenson Presented:

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from August 17, 2010.
 - a) First Order of Business: Bruce Richard and Mark Praska. It was moved and seconded to concur with Zoning to deny the application because it doesn't meet criteria of the ordinance. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
 - b) Second Order of Business: Ronald and Laurel Johnson. It was moved and seconded to concur with zoning to deny the application for an after fact conditional use permit for a retaining wall in the shore impact zone because it doesn't meet the criteria of the zoning ordinance. (Schram,Knutson), carried.
 - c) Third Order of Business: Laura and Ronald Knoll. It was moved and seconded to concur with Zoning to deny the request for approval of a conditional use permit for a boulder retaining wall in the shore impact zone because it doesn't meet criteria of zoning ordinance. (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 - d) Fourth Order of Business-First Request: George Lemelin. It was moved and seconded to concur with Zoning to deny the request concerning the approval of a conditional use permit to allow up to 4 mobile homes (50X100in size) for staff housing. (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 - e) Fourth Order of Business-Second Request: George Lemelin: It was moved and seconded to table the approval of the conditional use request for a cemetery on the property that would be 100 X 100 in size until the next Becker County Board Meeting. (Nelson,Knutson), carried.
 - f) Fifth Order of Business: Barry and Sue Schuchard. It was moved and seconded to concur with Zoning to approve the replacement of the failing retaining wall in the shore impact zone because it meets the criteria of the zoning ordinance with the stipulation that berms be placed on the property. (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
 - g) Sixth Order of Business: Dennis and Peggy Olson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Zoning to approve application for a certificate of survey to subdivide a 40,000 square foot

parcel away from 40 acres and a change of zone from agricultural to residential for the new 40,000 square foot parcel. (Schram, Knutson), carried.

2. Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee Structure/Appointments:

a) There was discussion as to the size and structure of the Advisory Committee and how to proceed with the non-voting members. It was suggested to send a letter to the different organizations to see if they want their current representative as a non-voting member to remain the same.

b) It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Nelson to the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee as a non-voting member. (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

c) The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the Original Courthouse.

Highway, Brad Wentz Presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 08.10.2D to accept said completed project; S.A.P.03-639-16 and S.A.P. 03-654-03 for and on behalf of the County of Becker and authorize final payment in the amount of \$84,631.28 be prepared by the County Engineer. (Nelson, Schram), carried.

2. Construction update. The North Washington project is moving along well and they should be completing the underground work by next week. They poured curbs and gutters this week and will finish the main intersection and continue paving to the north. The project is on schedule.

Discuss Purchase Option for D.L. Mountain. Guy Fischer presented.

1. Continuing the process of looking into the purchase of D.L. Mountain property.

a) Skiing is only one part of the Recreational Activity Project in a whole spectrum of activities for this site. According to a cost analysis, it would provide a number of part time positions.

b) The November preliminary application could be for infrastructure or acquisition. He felt our application would be unique because of the mountain which is a unique feature not every area can provide.

c) There are two grants available. The Legacy Funds is a straight cash match with 25% by the County and 75% by the State with a cap of \$500,000.00. The DNR Fund is a 40% - 60% split. The local 40% can be comprised of cash contributions, value of material used, and labor whether it be hired or contributed.

d) Commissioner Nelson would like to see more involvement with the City and Regional Park. There could be an opportunity of a trail from the Mountain to connect with the Northland Trail.

e) Commissioner Bellefeuille would like to see the County partner with other entities in the area. He feels it would give an economic boost to the area and access the ability to get a share of the taxes we all pay.

f) Commissioner Knutson is opposed to the purchase option of D.L. Mountain. He is concerned what it might cost us in the future.

g) Commissioner Schram presented a printout from the Assessor's Office showing the dollars lost if this property is taken off the tax rolls. He felt the Mountain View Recreation Area provides all the necessities with the exception of the hill.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed for lunch.

/s/ Nancy Grabanski _____
Nancy Grabanski
Acting County Administrator

/s/ John Bellefeuille _____
John Bellefeuille
Board Chair