

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: TUESDAY, February 3, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Grimsley. Commissioners in attendance: Grimsley, Nelson, Okeson, Skarie, and Knutson; County Administrator, Jack Ingstad; and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes: Under Commissioners: Add: Number 7: Discussion on Special Joint Meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes on February 20, 2015 regarding Washington Avenue Project Bids, and Under Human Services: Add: Number 2: Disposition of Assets for Transit. (Knutson, Okeson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015 with the requested changes. (Okeson, Skarie), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Steve Lindow recommended purchasing two AIS decontamination units rather than one at this time. The County would then have a total of three units, providing more coverage and better access.
2. Reports and Correspondence: The Commissioners reported on the following meetings:
 - a. Commissioner Skarie: Becker County Children's Initiative, Becker County Fair Board, and Lakeland Mental Health.
 - b. Commissioner Knutson: Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC), Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA), and Mahube-OTWA.
 - c. Commissioner Okeson: Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat in Moorhead, Highway Committee, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee, and also attended a meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes for continued discussions on the proposed joint public works building.
 - d. Commissioner Nelson: Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District, AIS Subcommittee, and Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC) ITV meeting.
 - e. Commissioner Grimsley: Sunnyside, Western Area Community Cooperative, Human Services Committee, and Finance Committee.

- f. It was moved and seconded to approve any of the commissioner's attendance at the Lakeland Mental Health Annual meeting on February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in Fergus Falls, MN with per diem and mileage reimbursement. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.
3. Appointments:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Scott Walz to the Ordinance Review Committee, for a three-year term representing District 4. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Discussion:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to authorize the AIS Committee to purchase two (2) Landa decontamination units with trailers, as presented, at an amount of up to \$19,000 each, plus any applicable licensing fees and tax, using the State AIS prevention dollars. (Okeson, Nelson), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to authorize the AIS Committee or a representative from the Board to negotiate an agreement with the Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Pelican River Watershed District to manage the Becker County AIS Program for 2015, and to approve up to \$25,000 of financial support from county reserve funds, with the final agreement ratified by the County Board, and to also authorize the County to initiate the advertisement for the Becker County AIS Coordinator for 2015, with the position designated as 50% time for AIS and 50% time for Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District and Pelican River Watershed District water-related issues. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to authorize to begin the recruitment of the seasonal AIS Level I Inspectors and Level II Decontaminators. (Okeson, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda, to add under Commissioners: Number 4C: AIS Coordinator and Number 4D: Draft Letter to the Initiative Foundation in regards to the "Top of the Watershed AIS Prevention Strategy Pilot" Grant Application. (Knutson, Okeson), carried.
6. Guy Fischer submitted the draft of a letter addressed to the Initiative Foundation, on behalf of Mike Mathias, President of the Floyd Shores Lake Association, Tera Guetter Director/Administrator of the Pelican River Watershed District, and Becker County. The letter is in response to a rejection from the foundation for the "Top of the Watershed AIS Prevention Strategy" pilot grant application. They are requesting the Board's support of the letter and to authorize County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, to sign the letter on Behalf of Becker County. Discussion followed with Commissioner Skarie acknowledging that there are some concerns in relation to the grant, and that at this

time he cannot support it. It was moved and seconded to table the letter and the AIS Initiative Grant at this time. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

7. An update was provided on the Human Services Director position recruitment. It was reported that three candidates have been interviewed. It was also noted that Otter Tail County is interested in creating a joint position with Becker County, with the possibility of Otter Tail County Human Services Director, John Dinsmore, providing services for both Becker and Otter Tail Counties. The Human Services Committee will meet and return to the Board with their recommendations.
8. Discussion was held in reference to televising board meetings. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Information Technology (IT) Department to research costs further and to refer discussion back to the IT Committee for their recommendations.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Board of Commissioner's Special Joint Meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes for discussion on the Washington Avenue Project and for consideration of granting bid awards, with the meeting scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Detroit Lakes City Council Chambers. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.

[NOTATION: Following this board meeting of February 3, 2015, the date and time for the Special Joint Meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes was changed to Thursday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m.]

Auditor-Treasurer: Mary Hendrickson presented:

1. Licenses and Permits:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-15-1A, to approve the Gambling Application for Exempt Permit to conduct a Raffle for YMCA Cass and Clay County, on June 3, 2015, for operations at Camp Cormorant, 14501 YMCA Lane, Lake Park, MN, in Cormorant Township. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.

Finance Committee: Mary Hendrickson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Over 90-Day Claim for:
 - a. Minnesota Sheriff's Association in the amount of \$200.00; did not receive invoice.
(Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Claims, as presented. (Grimsley, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the spring and fall 2015 Preventative Maintenance Contract for courthouse mechanical equipment with Johnson Controls at the low quote of \$6,550.00. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.

Human Services: Lisa Rietsema and Denise Warren presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims for Human Services, Community Health, and Transit. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, or Auditor-Treasurer, Mary Hendrickson, to sign and transfer the title of the 2004 Ford Eldorado VIN 38900 Transit Bus over to the Sunnyside Care Center, as presented. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Grimsley adjourned the meeting.

Jack Ingstad
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County Administrator

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Board Chair