

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, January 07, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

All Present

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

The meeting was brought to order by Keith Brekken, County Auditor. Judge Walker presided at giving the Oath of Office.

The Oath of Office was given to the newly elected officials: Darlene Maneval-County Recorder, Ryan Tangen-County Treasurer, Joe Evans-County Attorney, Roy Smith-County Surveyor, Dr. Knute Thorsgard-County Coroner.

The Oath of Office was given to the Board of Commissioners: Carolyn Engebretson-District 1, Harry Salminen-District 2, Dave Seaberg-District 3, Bob Bristlin-District 4, Roger Winter-District 5. The Commissioners were seated.

Carolyn Engebretson, outgoing Chair, presented the "State of the County Address." Commissioner Engebretson thanked the out-going Board for their support and for delivering quality service to Becker County Citizens.

Keith Brekken opened Nominations for selection of Board Chair for 2003. Commissioner Winter was nominated by Commissioner Bristlin. There were no other nominations, nominations were ceased. It was moved and seconded by unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Winter as Board Chair for 2003 (Bristlin, Engebretson), carried. Commissioner Winter, Chair, opened nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Seaberg nominated Commissioner Bristlin. There were no other nominations, nominations were ceased. It was moved and seconded by unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Bristlin as Vice-Chair for 2003 (Seaberg, Salminen), carried.

Comments were given by the Board and County Administrator concerning thoughts for the new year.

Commissioner Winter thanked those that attended this meeting. Thank you to the Administrative Team. I have confidence in Brian Berg, County Administrator.

Commissioner Bristlin stated that we should start looking at cuts from the State, work together, start trimming.

Commissioner Salminen said that it will be a challenge to make good decisions.

Commissioner Seaberg was concerned about State cuts and how affects Becker County. Also, if we don't have the money, we can't spend it. There will probably be rough sledding for a while.

Commissioner Engebretson said yes, there are hard times, but this can bring out the best in people. We need to look to the future. We need to consider how what we decide now affects citizens in 5 or 10 years.

Brian Berg, County Administrator congratulates the new Board. He stressed the importance of working together: Boards, Departments and Citizens. Working for people, families, businesses, having revenues meet expenditures are top priorities.

Patricia Coalwell, AMC, congratulated the new Board, and spoke to the Board about what AMC does with Counties. She spoke about AMC's Legislative presence and some of the state mandates. Commissioner Bristlin asked if there was a list of state mandates available to the Board. Keith Brekken, County Auditor, suggested asking county departments which state mandates they comply with.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg

Brian C. Berg  
County Administrator

/s/ Roger Winter

Roger Winter  
Board Chair