

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, July 08, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

All Present

The quarterly meeting of the City, County, School was held at 7:00 a.m. in the Board Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2003 as presented (Seaberg, Bristlin), carried.

Ag Inspector

Orvis Olson, County Ag Inspector gave an update on the MN. Noxious Weed Law, MN Stat. Chapter 18, Sec. 18.75 to 18.88.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 07-03-1B, authorizing the Sheriff's Department to fill a full-time Correctional Officer position due to a resignation (Bristlin, Engebretson), carried.

Finance

1. John Bauer, MCIT, completed the 2003 coverage review for our insurance coverage. Bob Bristlin's name has been submitted for the MCIT Board.
2. Personnel: Moved to the Sheriff's Agenda and the Highway Agenda.
3. GIS Software and Training: Moved to the Highway Agenda
4. Assessor. Discussed valuation of property and will check with other counties.
5. Claims. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with exceptions (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance of the following people at the MCCC Meeting July 30, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., St. Cloud, MN: Keith Brekken, County Auditor; Brian C. Berg, County Administrator; Steve Skoog, County Assessor; and Doug Conway, IT Department (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
2. There were no licenses or permits.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Board of Equalization Minutes of June 17 and 24, 2003 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Probation

It was moved and seconded to approve the amendment to the Juvenile Restitution Grant to add more funds to the grant in the amount of \$1,231.46. Due to time constraints, the documents needed to be signed June 30, 2003, so this approval will be retro back to the date of signing. The amount of \$615.73 was granted and the County match in the amount of \$615.73 was approved (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 07-03-1A, to fill the full-time Highway Accounting Technician position due to a resignation (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
3. A construction update was given on Becker County Highways.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve a change in Resolution No. DOH 06-03-2C, making the date of effect June 1, 2003, instead of July 1, 2003 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried. Bristlin voting nay.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of GIS Software and Training for Lisa Tufts Frederick, Planning & Zoning Office, at the cost of \$5,700 (Engebretson, Bristlin), carried.
6. After discussion, it was recommended that Brad Wentz contact the Pelican River Watershed concerning the pickup of material from the lakeshore harvester, and to send a letter to the person requesting removal of a fence around a holding pond stating further requirements. Approved by Consensus.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to deny the Abatement request for Parcel # 03.8552.000 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements (Seaberg, Salminen), carried.

2003 Tax Payable

| Parcel # | Twn/City | Amount | Reason |
|-------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| 05.0525.000 | Burlington | \$570 | Homestead |
| 20.0275.000 | Maple Grove | 6 | Correction |
| 20.0538.000 | Maple Grove | 50 | Abatement |
| 28.0124.000 | Shell Lake | 0 | Correction |
| 29.0207.000 | Silver Leaf | 470 | Homestead |
| 29.0203.000 | Silver Leaf | 46 | Homestead |
| 32.8368.000 | Sugar Bush | 104 | Correction |

2002 Tax Payable

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| 20.075.000 | Maple Grove | 5 | Correction |
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| 20.0275.000 | Maple Grove | 0 | Correction |
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3. It was moved and seconded to study our current Abatement Policy and will address on the Agenda of the August 12, Board Meeting (Salminen, Seaberg), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to begin the Emergency Assistance Program on October 1, 2003 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims and the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve moving ahead with the Family Group Decision Making Project. Becker County will be the fiscal agent (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
4. There was a report on the Child Welfare and Protection Review in Becker County.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services, and Probation Placement Reports (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to award the bid for Site Preparation of (6) sites for spring tree planting to Future Forests Inc., low bidder (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence
2. Appointments:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Monique Anderson to the Extension Committee (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to appoint Bob Bristlin and Harry Salminen to serve on the Economic Development Commission for the White Earth Reservation (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to appoint Harry Salminen and Roger Winter to serve on the Assessor's Committee (Bristlin, Engebretson), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to appoint the following members to the Assessment Task Force. Dan Berg, Cleone Stewart/Dave Hochhalter, Pete McEwen, Harry Salminen, Bill/Bea Purdy, Steve Skoog, with one more spot to be filled by a business community member (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to cast Becker County's (2) votes for Blue Earth County Commissioner Colleen Landkamer who is running for NACo 2nd Vice President in Milwaukee (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to authorize any Commissioner's attendance at the following meetings:
 - a. West Central Transportation Meeting on July 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fergus Falls, MN (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - b. Leadership Conference August 13-15, 2003, Redwood Falls MN (Engebretson, Bristlin), carried.

City of Lake Park Request

The letter of request to abandon an unused crossing on 2nd Street in the City of Lake Park was discussed by the Board. By Consensus, a letter was requested to be sent to the Mayor of the City of Lake Park to have them contact Burlington Northern Railroad for consent of removal of the spur. Brad Wentz, Highway Engineer, would be available to help coordinate the repair of the roadway.

5. Space Needs Discussion. It was moved to table the study of the Washington Avenue location lease for (3) months and study other options (Salminen). Motion failed for lack of a second. It was moved and seconded to not consider leasing space on Washington Avenue (Main Street) (Engebretson, Salminen), carried. Engebretson, Salminen voting yea; Seaberg, Winter, Bristlin voting nay. Motion failed. The Board recognized several citizens who spoke against the county locating on Washington Avenue (Main Street). The Chair thanked the citizens for their input.

There being no further business, the meeting will be adjourned after lunch.

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

/s/ Roger Winter
Roger Winter
Board Chair