

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2004, at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Salminen, Engebretson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2004 as corrected (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Open Forum

1. Lester Ristinen had a question about county reserves and Ryan Tangen, County Treasurer, explained the amount shown on the reports. He also asked about the need for tax reform as to true county assessing. Commissioner Winter will be meeting with Townships and bringing back information, and at that time would determine if a task force is needed. Lester also asked about the County Website and if the assessment amounts could be reinstated.
2. Clayton Schott passed out a letter addressed to the County Board and stated that he is opposed to spending reserves on building parking lots. He also stated how important Public Health is and how it brings care to those in need and saves lives.

Veteran's Services

1. The Year End Report 2003 was presented by Dennis Warling, Veteran's Services Officer. He thanked the Board for their continuing support. It was moved and seconded to accept the report (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. Dennis gave a report on the flag for Becker County. He suggested using the County Logo in Black and Gold with a White background. This will be reviewed again at a future Board Meeting.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatement:

Parcel No. 28.8053.000 Shell Lake Twp. \$116 Trailer License

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the qualifications (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. Sunnyside Care Center Water Agreement was discussed and needs to be finalized.
3. Human Services Items to restructure the Printer/Copier Lease, a worker vacancy, and a Capital Purchase/Transit Bus were approved and will be considered under Human Services Agenda.
4. Highway Capital Purchase for a Computer and Monitor was approved and will be on under Highway Agenda.
5. Sheriff Department Request for Personnel was approved and will be on under the Sheriff's Agenda.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a house at 321 West State Street, Detroit Lakes, MN. in the amount of \$109,000. Closing costs of \$300 and reimbursing Becker County EDA for the amount of \$1,500. Earnest money will be paid from the 801 Fund. The closing date will be on March 26, 2004 (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a house at 317 West State Street, Detroit Lakes, MN. in the amount of \$78,500. Closing costs of \$500 and reimbursing Becker County EDA for the amount of \$500 earnest money will be paid from the 801 Fund (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.
8. Soil & Water. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the request for the County to sponsor the 9-1-1 page in the new Plat Book at the cost of \$3,500 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
9. Human Services Billings from MCNS. It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to hold off paying the amount billed until further investigation is completed.
10. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve enhancements for the basic package currently on our web-site in the amount of \$5,000. to upload the City of Detroit Lakes GIS mapping (Engebretson, Bristlin), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the transfer of \$4,700. from the 801-6379 Misc. Charges Account to the County Attorney's Contingency Fund (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

12. It was moved and seconded to accept the Investment and Cash Summaries for January Report (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Gambling Permits (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Cormorant Lion's Club for operations at the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Twp.; Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club for operations at Pit 6-11 in Lake Eunice Twp.; Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club for operations at the Cormorant Pub, Inc. in Cormorant Twp.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee approve the request to hire a part-time Court Baliff due to a resignation by passing Resolution No. 03-04-1B, to internally post and if this position results in a part-time vacancy of if there are no internal applicants, to hire from the Correctional Office Applicant Pool List or to advertise (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1C, Bid Awards for the following Roadside Mowing Contracts (Salminen, Seaberg), carried. Bristlin voting nay.

Contract Area RM1 - Northwest is awarded to Mike Splonskowski

Contract Area RM3 - North Central is awarded to Projects Unlimited

Contract Area RM5 - Northeast is awarded to Randy Keranen

Contract Area RM6 - Southeast is awarded to Randy Keranen

Contract Area RM2 - Southwest was rejected, and RRM4 - South Central received no bids. These will be re-bid, and if no reasonable written quotes are received the Becker County Highway Department is hereby directed to perform such work as necessary.

2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1D & Resolution No. 03-04-1E, Bid Award for Road Maintenance Contracts for Area #2 and #5, approving to award the contract to Teiken's Road Maintenance, Inc., low bidder and authorizing the County Engineer to award the contract (Seaberg, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1E, Five-Year Plan Addition, authorizing the County Engineer to place CSAH 13 from CSAH 12 to CSAH 14 on the 2004 Five-Year Plan depending on special federal funding (Seaberg, Bristlin), carried.

4. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the Capital Purchase of a Computer and Monitor for the Highway Maintenance Department at the requested amount of \$1,000 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for Transit to do a Food Shelf Promotion from March 22 to 26, 2004. Non-perishable items or a donation of money could be given in lieu of the cost of a ride during this time (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1H, to create a permanent full-time Child Protection Social Worker due to an increased workload resulting from new program responsibilities in the Child Protection Unit (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of services contract with Multi-County Nursing for Elderly Waiver from January 1 to June 30, 2004 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the modification of a Copier Lease (Seaberg, Salminen), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of a new transit bus by passing Resolution No. 03-04-1M, authorizing the purchase from Minnesota Body and Equipment Company in the approximate amount of \$46,000. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services and Probation Placement Reports (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
9. Commissioner Winter received a letter from Kevin Goodnow, MN Dept of Human Services, congratulating the Becker County Human Services Department and staff for perfect performance in completing financial reports. The Board adds their congratulations to Human Services and staff.

Commissioners

1. At 10:45 a.m., the Community Health Agenda Item was addressed. Matt Casey, Director, Human Services, gave a Community Health Presentation to the Board, covering the Draft Resolution, Public Health Committee, Draft Organizational Chart, Community Health Services Supervisor, Principles to guide the formation of the Community Health Services Unit, and reviewed the Public Health Committee Meeting Minutes. There were citizens present requesting to speak. The Chair requested a spokesperson for individual groups, so that person would have a three minute limit. There was discussion among the County Board Members, and the decision was made to let each citizen have three minutes to speak about the Community Health issue.
 - 1) Sharon Josephson was recognized by the Chair, and updated the Board about the August 04, 2003 meeting called by the Board of Health and held at the Technical College. She reviewed the procedures that were suggested at that meeting.
 - 2) Terry Kalil was recognized by the Chair and was speaking as a concerned taxpayer. Her concern centered on keeping the same level of services for the taxpayers and questioned if the new structure be ready by the first of the year 2005?
 - 3) Kim Bettcher was recognized by the Chair and voiced her opinion in opposition to combining the services as she felt the qualification for accessing services would change.
 - 4) Nancy Bauer was recognized by the Chair, and she was concerned about which plan was the better option and how services would be delivered with less personnel. She also had concerns about legal requirements.
 - 5) Randy Bauer was recognized by the Chair, and he wondered why Multi-County was not listed as one of the options for providing Community Health Services. He felt serious exploration of other options was not done.
 - 6) There were no others to speak for or against.
2. After listening to those speaking to the issue of Community Health, it was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1K, resolving that the Becker County Board of Commissioners shall form a Community Health Services Unit within the Human Services Department and notify the Minnesota Department of Health that it wishes to establish itself as a Community Health Board as allowed under MN. Stat. 2003, Chapter 145A (Bristlin, Seaberg), Commissioner Engebretson motioned to table the passage of the resolution and the motion died for lack of a second. A poll of the vote was taken: Bristlin-yea; Seaberg-yea; Engebretson-nay; Salminen-yea. The motion to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1K was carried.
3. Commissioner Salminen stated that he voted yea to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1K, but wanted to express concerns that there not be a drop in services to citizens and that the present Multi-County employees be given consideration to the new Community Health Services Unit.

4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-04-1L, resolving that the Becker County Board of Commissioners is opposed to combining the West Central Area Agency on Aging into a twenty-one county region with centralized administration (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
5. A Space Need Committee Report was given by Brian C. Berg, County Administrator concerning the Human Services Expansion.
6. It was moved and seconded to move to the next step for Space Needs by moving to the Request for Qualifications for Architects. Commissioner Engebretson added a caveat to the motion that she agreed to the space needs but will be watching the spending (Bristlin, Seaberg), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to award the Tree Planting Contract to Superior Forestry Services, low bidder (Engebretson, Seaberg), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. Forest Management Road Standards and a proposed Ordinance Revision were discussed. The County Attorney is reviewing any changes.
2. Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Revision Committee Appointments were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the list of appointments as provided by Patty Johnson of the Zoning Office (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

- Dist. 1 Ray Stordahl, Forest Township, as submitted by Commissioner Engebretson
- Dist. 2 Ken Christensen, City of Detroit Lakes, as submitted by Commissioner Salminen
- Dist. 3 John Tompt, Erie Township, as submitted by Commissioner Seaberg
- Dist. 4 To be appointed, as submitted by Commissioner Bristlin
- Dist. 5 Jerome Flottemesch, Riceville Township, as submitted by Commissioner Winter

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed for lunch and will be adjourned after lunch (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

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

/s/ Roger Winter
 Roger Winter
 Board Chair