

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with removal of Item No. 4, under Commissioners, Motion to Consider Support/10 County West Central CD Treatment & Support Center (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2006 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:

1. Clarence Suvanto expressed his concern over Township Meetings held at private homes. The discussion was that not all Townships have town halls and have to meet in private homes.

2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. Computer problems getting on the county web-sites. Rick, IT Department, came in to suggest they go to the next step in solving the problem by checking out the individual connections.
- b. Eli, Minnesota's landfill weighs vehicles before and after unloading and determines cost at that time; this works out well.

Commissioner Bristlin Reports:

- a. Attended a Pre-Construction Meeting of the Human Services Parking Lot.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Parks & Recreation Meeting. Considering a study of a comprehensive plan on parks and trails.
- b. Attended the Environmental Meeting; Dan will be on the agenda later.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Attended Extension Meeting, where discussion was held on staff being out at a crucial time and how to fill in the missing hours.
- b. Attended DL Chamber Ag Meeting. The Ag Committee has a new chair person and attendees discussed options to address.

Commissioner Mulari – No reports at this time.

County Administrator Brian C. Berg Reports:

Reported on various county building projects in Becker County. A pre-construction Meeting with vendors for the Human Services Parking Lot was held. Brian complimented Commissioner Bristlin and Commissioner Salminen for their expertise in serving on the Building Committee. Lightowler Johnson & Assoc. suggests post-tension pillars for the parking ramp. The committee agreed to move ahead with this suggestion. The plans are out for the Courthouse Expansion with the bid opening day set for May 25. The Landfill repair is moving forward, and the Transit Building is moving ahead and plans are to bid in June.

Auditor

1. Keith Brekken, County Auditor, discussed with the Board the format to use when e-mailing the Warrant List. The Consensus was to use the Portrait Version.
2. Licenses & Permits:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve a Seasonal Tobacco License Renewal for Donna M. Sindt, Pike Lake Resort & Campground, Round Lake Twp. (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to approve an On/Off 3.2 License Annual renewal for Donna M. Sindt, Pike Lake Resort & Campground, Round Lake Twp. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to approve (2) Temporary 1-4 Day Liquor Licenses (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 1. Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Soo Pass Ranch on July 20 – 23, 2006;
 2. Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Soo Pass Ranch on August 3 – 5, 2006.
3. The Reverse Referendum, which is on today's Agenda, was discussed. The County Auditor will bring in the petition if one is presented. The County Board will attend with a quorum and the County Attorney.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with exceptions (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
 - a. Pull claim from Joe McArthur for more information.
 - b. Add \$150 for Planning & Zoning Change Fund.
 - c. Approve claim in excess of 90-days to Streicher's Police Equipment in the amount of \$89.52.
2. Extension Temporary Fill-in Discussion:
 - a. Nancy Forsaker Johnson was in attendance to answer questions. She reviewed the reasons why extension is in need of additional help.
 - b. It was suggested that the EDA/HRA employees will help wherever they can, a

University of MN employee will help on May 12 and 15. A phone message was suggested to help with transferring the phone calls to the Regional Office.

3. Human Services Chemical Dependency Vacancy request will be on the Agenda at the next Board Meeting.
4. E-Mail Format was discussed previously.
5. IT Department:
 - a. Capital Request/Assessor. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a scanner for the Assessor's Office of up to \$967.57 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
 - b. Capital Request/IT Department. It was moved and seconded to approve the
6. purchase of an air conditional for the AS400 room of up to \$8,500 plus electrical costs (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
7. Investment Summary & Cash Comparison Reports were presented for March.
8. Department Head and Supervisor Training:

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal for leadership training from the same firm as last year at the cost of \$5,000 for the trainer, plus room, mileage and materials. The cost is within the 2006 budget (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
9. Environmental Services: Bids for Solid Waste Transportation Contract with Hough Inc., the low bidder. Recommend approving; Cost of concrete at the transfer station at the cost of just below \$100,000. Recommend to continue with the project; Vacancy request at the Transfer Station. Recommend continuing the process of hiring part-time replacement(s); and Township and County yard waste grinding is needed at the estimated cost of \$7,000. Recommend to approve grinding up to the \$10,000 budget amount.
10. Highway Award of SAP 03-615-08. Bids were opened for the SAP 03-615-08 project. Recommended to accept low bid.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to remove the Rearing Pond Lease from the NRM Agenda (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to award the Grounds Maintenance Contract to L&M Road Services, low bidder at \$17, 255 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-06-1B, resolving that Becker County will act as the sponsoring Local Unit of Government, will enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Trail Assistance Program, and appoints the County Administrator to act as the Fiscal Agent on behalf of the County (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-06-1C, awarding the bid for Project SAP 03-615-08 to Lakes Paving, Inc., low bidder at \$955,208 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-06-1D, awarding the bid for Projects SAP 03-634-17 & SAP 03-634-18 to Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, MN. in the amount of \$4,281,221.09, contingent upon other agency approvals (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
3. The Highway Bids on No. 37 will be on the Agenda for the next Board Meeting.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services, Adult Services and Probation Placement Reports (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept to Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. The Board thanked Sam Pierson for presenting to the Board during the absence of the new Human Services Director.

Assessor

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

Parcel No.	Tax District	Amount	Reason
19.0606.002	Lake View	\$ 256	Homestead Class
25.0131.001	Round Lake	80	Duplication
29.0170.000	Silver Leaf	388	Correction
29.0126.001	Silver Leaf	352	Correction
29.0126.002	Silver Leaf	(382)	Correction
29.0166.000	Silver Leaf	(148)	Correction
29.0130.000	Silver Leaf	42	Correction
31.0026.000	Spruce Grove	162	Homestead
49.1593.842	Detroit Lakes	(100)	Homestead
17.0310.000	Lake Eunice	(70)	Homestead

US Fish & Wildlife

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a waterfowl easement from Robert L. Birnstengel on the following described lands: T. 141 N., R.36W., 5th P.M. (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to add City, County Meeting to the Agenda (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Planning Commission to deny the request from Jason Selly, Detroit Twp., for a conditional use permit for a detached garage exceeding the 18 ½ ft. height restriction in a residential zone (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
3. Patty Johnson, Commissioner Bristlin and Commissioner Knutson will meet with Larry Remmen, representing the City of Detroit Lakes on May 16 to discuss Building Codes, the City Comprehensive Plan and the 2-Mile Limit.

Environmental Services

1. Dan removed the concrete work from the Agenda and added Township Grinding and Demo Equipment.
2. It was moved and seconded to award the bid for Solid Waste Hauling to Hough & Co, low bidder in the amount of \$1.93.5 per mile (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to advertise for a Part-time Personnel replacement at the Landfill (Salminen, Knutson), carried. Nelson voting nay. Roll Call Vote: Knutson – Yea; Salminen – Yea; Mulari – Yea; Bristlin – Yea; and Nelson – Nay.
4. Grinding at Lakeview and Burlington Township was discussed.
5. An update was given on purchasing a compactor rather than a dozer.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 p.m. and was reconvened at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of a reverse Referendum. Present were Commissioners Mulari, Bristlin, Salminen; Brian C. Berg, County Administrator; Keith Brekken, County Auditor; and Joseph Evans, County Attorney.

This was the final hour that a petition with signatures could be filed in opposition to combine the County Auditor and the County Treasurer, and the County Auditor reported no petition was received. The positions will be placed on the ballot as a combined position of Auditor/Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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

/s/ Karen Mulari
Karen Mulari
Board Chair