

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: July 25, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

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#### Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2006 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

#### Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a. Brook Wahlin, a Wisconsin resident whose family owns property near the proposed ATV trail system, expressed opposition to the proposed plan.
  - b. Ted Schaum expressed his opposition to the proposed ATV trail system.
  - c. Charles Church expressed his opposition to the proposed ATV trail system.
  - d. Bob Lefleur expressed his opposition to the proposed ATV trail system.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - Commissioner Bristlin Reports:
    - a. Sunnyside-the property has been remarked and resurveyed and the property line issue is progressing satisfactorily.
    - b. The plans for the Transit bus garage have been redrawn and are being advertised, and opened for bids at 2:00 p.m. on August 17.
  - Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - a. Fair Board report; the Fair is this week.
    - b. Transfer Station – Dean has located a compactor he is interested in for the landfill demo site, and is doing further research. He is approved for up to \$100,000; the compactor is \$69,000, with an additional \$12,000 in transport costs.
  - Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - a. Extension – George Zimmerman has retired from NRCS. Weed inspection program is making progress. Proposed budget for 2007 is expecting an increase.
  - Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - a. EDA Board discussed low interest loans and tax abatements for resorts to help keep them operational, and allow them to make needed improvements.
  - Commissioner Mulari Reports:
    - a. She updated the Board on plans to implement an 11-county Inpatient Addiction Counseling program for incarcerated individuals. Does Becker County want to be a part of this venture?

3. Citizens For Reasonable ATV Use
  - a. Ruth Bergquist informed the Board that the townships have not changed their minds; they are, along with the White Earth Tribe, still opposed to the proposed ATV trail system.
  - b. Mark Veronen presented a resort owner's viewpoint of the proposed ATV trail system.
  - c. Ray Vlasak expressed his opposition to the proposed ATV trail system.
  - d.. Winona LaDuke stated the opinions of the White Earth Land Recovery Project and the White Earth Tribe regarding the proposed ATV trail system.

#### Auditor

1. Licenses & Permits: None at this time.
2. Ryan Tangen gave a report on the Swift Plant. Things are going well, and details are coming together.
3. An Absentee Ballot Board with 3 paid members needs to be established for the upcoming election.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-06-2H, request for replacement of a Deputy Recorder/Property Tax Specialist, due to a retirement (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. Sheriff's personnel request – this item is on Sheriff's agenda.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-06-2G, regarding filling the Veterans Service Officer position, due to a retirement (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a laptop computer to use for elections (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the lease of a Sharp copier for the Highway Department (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

#### Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-06-2I, hiring of a Maintenance Worker to fill a vacancy created by a resignation (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. Brad Wentz gave a construction update.

## Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-06-2F, hiring a Patrol Deputy from the existing pool to replace a deputy who has been deployed to Iraq (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept a State grant not to exceed \$18,000.00 to replace a boat, motor and trailer for the Boat & Water division, to be utilized by September 15, 2006 (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
3. Sheriff Gordon gave a brief report on the 10,000 Lakes Festival of the weekend.

## Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Case Load Trends report (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.

## Don Kleven

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Easement for waterfowl management rights from William C. Dahnke and Beva R. Dahnke, with the option to rescind by August 8 if road mitigation is a problem (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

## Natural Resources Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions: Site Prep contract award; Forest Township Easement request; and July 21 Timber Auction update (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to table the ATV Trail-Joint Powers Agreement until August 22 (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the establishment of a Master Plan Committee – Tower Road Property, with the Board giving final approval of appointees (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

4. It was moved and seconded to approve funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Scenic Byway signs, contingent on the City of Detroit Lakes providing matching funds (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to concur with the bid of \$33.99 per acre for the Site Preparation Contract (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve a roadway easement (Gigstead) to Forest Township (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
7. Chip gave a report on the July 21 timber auction.

#### Planning & Zoning

1. No additions to the agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Certificate of Survey for Phil Seabloom (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
3. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of July 18, 2006:
  - 1) **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Ed Kava. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the request for a change of zone from agricultural to residential for a 1.51-acre tract based on the fact that the residential use is compatible with the area with the stipulation that the conditional use for commercial storage has been forfeited on the 1.51-acre tract and can only be used for personal storage (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
  - 2) **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Brad Solheim. This application has been tabled at the request of the applicant.
  - 3) **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Bruce Danielson. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey for a 4.32 -acre tract based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, to include the following requirements: 1) maximum hours of operation shall be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; 2) fifteen (15) 5 to 6 foot evergreen trees shall be moved on site; 3) no outside storage; 4) there shall be a 10 foot sidewall; 5) there shall be only one (1) sign on the building; 6) there shall be directional lighting focusing downward (Nelson, Knutson), carried. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve a conditional use permit for an office and storage area for a personal construction business as outlined in the proposal presented to the PC on 7/18/06 and on file with the Zoning Office (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

- 4) **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Chet Collins. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for 3 lots (1.36 acres, 3.90 acres and 3.20 acres) based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
- 5) **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Vern & Lori Peterson. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve a conditional use permit to allow a craft shop based on the fact that it would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the stipulation that if a structure is moved onto or built on the property, that the structure meet the required setbacks (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
- 6) **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Doug Askelson. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey for two lots, based on the fact that the survey meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
- 7) **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Keith & Brandy Johnson. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey for two tracts of land (3.67 acres and 2.93 acres) based on the fact that the certificate of survey meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
- 8) **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Lyle Dodes. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of a certificate of survey consisting of three lots (60,100 sq ft; 40,600 sq ft; and 44,100 sq ft) and two tracts to be joined to existing tracts based on the fact that the survey does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
- 9) **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Don Skarie. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the preliminary plat consisting of five (5) lots in an agricultural zone based on the fact that the preliminary plat meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
- 10) **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Todd Steeke. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone and certificate of survey for one lot (119,400 sq ft in size) with the stipulation that a new, recordable easement, 33 ft in width across the most satisfactory location on the easterly side of the property, be conveyed to the Thompson's based on the fact that the change of zone and survey meet the criteria

of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

- 11) ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Sandra Tweeten. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey for two lots (17.0 acres and 13.6 acres) based on the fact that the survey meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
  - 12) TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Steven Strawsell. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey for two lots (17.0 acres and 13.6 acres) based on the fact that the survey meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
  - 13) THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Plat of Bijou Lake Estates, Jona Baer, Developer. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the final plat of Bijou Lake Estates based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
  - 14) FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Plat of County 32 Storage Condominiums, Gary Heitkamp, Developer. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the final plat of County 32 Storage Condominiums based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
  - 15) FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Plat of The Lakes Toybox, First Supplemental Addition, Bruce Qvammen, Developer. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the final plat of The Lakes Toybox, First Supplemental Addition based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
  - 16) SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Top Brass Estates, Bruce Qvammen Developer. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to amend the original motion to allow the Technical Review Panel to choose the most appropriate location for the dock based on the fact that the Department of Natural Resources will not locate the dock (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Recommendations – It was moved and seconded to approve the proposals recommended by the PC (Bristlin, Salminen); motion and second withdrawn in order to review all proposals.

- 1) PROPOSAL ONE: It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the proposed language in Section 11,G regarding accessory structures (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
- 2) PROPOSAL TWO: It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the proposed language regarding pervious decks (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

It was moved and seconded to table Proposals 3 through 6 until August 8 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Karen Mulari  
Karen Mulari  
Board Chair