

TENTATIVE AGENDA  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

City, County, School and Chamber Quarterly Meeting at 7:00 a.m., County Board Room

DATE: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2006 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum – No one signed in
2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

None

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a) Frazee Expo. Bus tour in Frazee with Fred Daggett as the MC. Visited the new housing development and toured the Schools.
- b) Change in the Agenda for the AMC Meeting in Fergus Falls. The meeting has been extended one hour to 1:30 p.m. to cover discussion of the West Central CD Treatment and Correctional Center.
- c) The fall Township Association Meeting will be held on October 17, at 7:00 p.m.
- d) Commissioner Mulari spoke with Guy Fisher concerning long-range planning for County Tax-forfeit Land. There is a graduate program where a student can assist the County to GIS our Tax-forfeit Land. They will spend 10 to 20 hours a week utilizing as a graduate project and suggesting best land use.

Commissioner Bristlin Reports:

- a) Attended a meeting to hear Dean Simpson speak. He stated that the state has 3-4 Billion dollar surplus. He also spoke about tax relief. Bob was concerned that the County has to increase budgets, while the state offers tax relief.
- b) Regional Landfill Meeting in Moorhead. Narrowed down issues. Looking at a larger incinerator, costs and tipping fees. He would like to have Polk County here to talk to the Board. Perham is adding another incinerator. Our landfill wall with chute construction is completed.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a) Expressed concern of Supervisor availability on Fridays at the Highway Department.
- b) In response to State LGA cuts, Cities and Counties work harder.
- c) The new hauler at the Landfill is working out well.
- d) Receiving unwanted e-mails.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a) We should invite MN DOT to the next City, County, School, Chamber Quarterly Meeting.

County Administrator Brian Berg:

- a) Thanks the County Board for allowing him to attend the County Administrator's Conference. We discussed Joint Powers Agreements, how to deal with difficult boards and the future of Human Services.

3. Appointments:

- a) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Ellis Peterson as a Manager to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District for a three-year term (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
- b) It was moved and seconded to add an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Board to the Board Agenda (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
- c) It was moved and seconded to appoint John Erickson to the Parks & Recreation Board (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Gambling Permit (Raffle) to Wolf Lake VFW for a Fishing Derby on Toad Lake on January 20, 2007, Toad Lake Twp. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. After Commissioner Bristlin asked the Auditor if all qualifying procedures had been completed and approved, it was moved to approve a New On/Sale Liquor License (including Sunday Sales) for Kevin L. Karel, Cormorant Enterprises, Inc., DBA: Cormorant Inn & Suites, Cormorant Twp. (Bristlin). Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Bristlin withdrew the motion. Commissioner Nelson had questions relating to the West Central Initiative Grant received by Kevin L. Karel., and also if there were any violations which would prevent a license. It was moved and seconded to table this request for further review for clarification (Salminen, Nelson), carried. Commissioner Nelson stated that he would bring this issue back to the Board. Brian Berg, County Administrator, stated that the Board should direct a

County Department to investigate. Commissioner Mulari stated that his track record cause these concerns. Brian Berg will work on this information.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve a New Tobacco License for Kevin L. Karel, Cormorant Enterprises, Inc. – DBA: Cormorant Inn & Suites, Cormorant Twp. (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the New Tobacco License Renewals for the following (Salminen, Bristlin), carried. Nelson Abstaining.
  - 1) Jay B. Olness, Gr8 Investments, Inc. DBA: Pit 6-11, Lake Eunice Twp
  - 2) Mike Sweeney, Resort Management Corp., Forest Hills Golf & RV Resort, Aud. Twp.
  - 3) Richard J. Bartelt, Four Corners, Erie Twp.
  - 4) Roger Nelson, Loon Echo Inc. DBA: Elbow Lake Store & Bar, Round Lake Twp.
  - 5) Delhelm, Inc. DBA: Randy's Lake Eunice, Lake Eunice Twp.
  - 6) Heather J. Furlong, Snellman Store, Wolf Lake Twp.
  - 7) Sheila Blanford, Tamarac Resort & Campground, Sugar Bush Twp.
  - 8) Tamara L. Coata, Coats Management, Inc. DBA: OBT/K&T's Pub & Grub, Osage Twp.
  - 9) Fred Brower, Cedar Crest Resort, Maple Grove Twp.
  - 10) Daryl W. Moran, Sr., Chief Corner Store, Pine Point Twp.
  - 11) Susan L Kimball, Toad Lake Store, Toad Lake Twp.
  - 12) Coalwell Agency Inc., Highway 59 Store, Detroit Twp.
  - 13) Patricia J. Maloney, The Cormorant Pub Inc. DBA: The Pub, Cormorant Twp.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
2. The 2005 Audit Exit Interview was discussed.
3. Smokey Hills Communication Tower Replacement was recommended to approve.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Parking Lot Change Order in the amount of \$4,500 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve to purchase (20) Wired Headsets at \$149.99 each = \$2999.80; (3) Wired Headsets without Amplifiers at \$84 each = \$252; and (6) Wireless Headsets at \$229.95 each = \$1379.70 for a total of \$4631.50 (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve to replace the current copier in the Probation Office with a new Lanier LD 120d with fax, print and scan capabilities from Liberty Business Systems with the cost of approximately \$115 a month (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Veteran's Services Officer, Lauri Brooke,

1. Update on the Veteran's Services Office. Our new Mission Statement is to work with Veterans and families with an attitude of caring and respect. Lauri identified (5) Goals to improve services to veterans and their families: Establish a toll-free number for county veterans.; Develop a "Smart Book" for the Veteran Services Office. This book will contain the procedures and processes necessary to run the Becker County Veteran's Services Office; Continue to collaborate with community based organizations and County entities; Create new partnerships to assist the Veterans and the community with the reintegration process and Update CVSO Webpage to include .gov & .osd resource links.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve to move the Veteran's Memorials from the Courthouse Courtyard and put in storage. The Courtyard will be cleared for the Courthouse Expansion in the Spring of 2007 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services & Probation Placement Reports (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Bristlin), 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, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 10-06-1B, accepting the low base bid and award the bid for construction of the Transit Building to the General Contractor: J. P. Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$208,752 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 10-06-1C stating the County Board hereby closes this meeting pursuant the attorney-client privilege, MN stat. sub. 13D.05, subd. 3 (b); the specific subjects to be discussed, pursuant to MN. Stat. sub. 13.01, are the strength of the County's case, the cost of the proceeding, the possible settlement of this action (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. It was moved and seconded to Open Session (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator to sign the proposed Settlement Agreement with the Union as discussed during the closed session (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the replacement of a communication tower commonly referred to as the “Smokey Hills Tower” at the cost of \$13,437. Some additional roadwork may need to be done. Tim has discussed this with the Becker County Highway Department for help keeping the costs down (Salminen, Bristlin), carried. Commissioner Nelson asked Tim to check with Planning & Zoning to see if the tower is within regulations.

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