

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 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, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2006 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

#### Commissioners

1. Open Forum:  
Clarence Suvanto, Spruce Grove Township. He discussed the need for building codes in Becker County. He also talked about the rumble strips used to warn of stopping at intersections. In speaking with the State he found they were in favor of using rumble strips. He felt Becker County should use these on a priority basis. He spoke about receiving information from the Attorney General's Office concerning Assessing Property. His concern was that Assessing between Counties should be uniform. He was also concerned about the recent ruling that ATV's could travel with open bottles on roads.
2. Appointments:  
It was moved and seconded to appoint Susan Hovdenes, Paul Bursik, and Donna Sauvageau to 3-year terms as Becker County representatives on the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) Board (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. Reports & Correspondence:  
Commissioner Mulari Reports:
  - a) Attended the AMC Conference. Tom Kelly was one of the speakers. There were good points given on leadership; also the Land Use Seminar was good and they stressed the need to document our decisions as to why and because.
  - b) Attended Finance Committee last Friday, Minutes to be presented in Finance.

Commissioner Bristlin Reports: None at this time

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a) Attended the Highway Committee Meeting where it was discussed to turn Hwy 24 to the City of Detroit Lakes.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a) Attended the Joint Powers Meeting in Mahnomen.

- SJ Rhombus was there and spoke about new sewer systems.
  - There was a speaker on Ethanol Use and the E-85 Blend Use.
  - There was discussion on the new law reference Joint Powers liability.
- b) Attended Ditch Committee where expanding the size of ditches was discussed.
  - c) Attended the Ag Issues Meeting in Callaway. This was a good meeting.

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a) Attended the AMC Conference and meetings on Environmental Issues where wetlands were discussed.
  - b) Attended the Airport Meeting with the Airport Manager to discuss expectations.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Soil & Water State Block Grant Application for the Grant amount of \$66,942 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
  5. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 12-06-1D, establishing that the County Board will meet in Regular Business Sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and that the meetings will start at 8:15 a.m. in the Board Room, Courthouse (Nelson, Salminen), carried. January 02, 2007 from 9:30 – 12:00 Noon was set to meet to establish Vision for Becker County 2007-2008.
  6. Extension Discussion:
    1. It was moved and seconded to approve to continue to the employee contract with the Ag Educator for two days a week and to hire a 4-H Coordinator next year at 80%, with the April 1, hire date. If this position warrants a full-time 4-H Coordinator the Board can review moving to full-time. The Board Chair is authorized to sign these contracts (Knutson, Bristlin), carried

Auditor – No Licenses & Permits

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. Cash Comparison and Investment Summaries for September and October were presented.
3. Highway Discussion for Personnel Request and Five-Year Plan are on the Agenda later.
4. GASB 45 was discussed.
5. Building Maintenance Capital Purchase Requests:
  - a) It was moved and seconded to approve the safety updates to the elevators at the cost of \$7,050 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

- b) It was moved and seconded to approve to replace carpeting in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$2,648.12 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

#### Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve an Abatement for R33.0134.000, Toad Lake Twp., Disaster Abatement in the amount of \$110 (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

#### HRA/Housing Update

Jon Thomsen gave an update on Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Awards State Bonds funds to provide Supportive Housing for Minnesota Families.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services and Probation Placement Reports (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Services Agreement with REACH, which is for a sliding fee for eligible clients for counseling, parent education and other education groups (Salminen Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Services Agreement with Rural Minnesota CEP for Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program for Calendar Year 2007 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

#### Human Resources/Update on Personnel Policy

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 06-12-1C, modifying the County Personnel Policy Section 3.0, Recruitment for Position Openings and Section 4.0 Selection of Applicants. The Changes update the process to be more reflective of the current practice. These policies will supersede prior County policies on Recruitment for Position Openings and Selection of Applicants (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

## Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 12-06-1A, implementing the 2007 Five Year Construction Plan 2007-2011 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 12-06-1B, authorizing the Engineer to advertise and re-fill one Maintenance Worker Foreman Vacancy through the normal County process to be in place after March 1, 2007 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

## Elected Officials Salaries/Reports and Discussion

1. The Committee met on Monday to discuss the Elected Officials Salaries. Brian Berg briefed the County Board on the meeting. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution 06-12-1E, ratifying the following salaries of the following elected officials for 2007 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Tim Gordon, County Sheriff:	\$78,788
Darlene Maneval, County Recorder	\$56,506
Ryan Tangen, County Auditor Treasurer	\$77,592

2. The County Board discussed the County Board Salaries for 2007.
  - a) It was moved and seconded to increase the salary \$1,300, which is the negotiated amount for insurance and a 0% increase for cost of living (Nelson, Bristlin), Commissioner's Knutson, Mulari and Bristlin voting nay. Motion failed. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Knutson – Nay; Commissioner Salminen – Yea; Commissioner Mulari – Nay; Commissioner Bristlin – Nay; Commissioner Nelson – Yea.
  - b) Commissioner Knutson stated that \$1,031 would be more acceptable, with 0% increase for cost of living. It was moved to accept this motion (Nelson), Motion failed (lack of second).
  - c) It was moved to table this decision until the next Board Meeting (Bristlin), Motion failed (lack of second).
  - d) It was moved and seconded to increase the County Board Salary by \$1,000 with a 3% increase for cost of living (Bristlin, Nelson), motion and second were withdrawn.
  - e) It was moved and seconded to increase the County Board Salary by \$1,300, which is the negotiated amount for insurance and a 1% cost of living increase (Salminen, Nelson), carried. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Knutson – Nay; Commissioner Salminen – Yea; Commissioner Mulari – Yea; Commissioner Bristlin – Nay; and Commissioner Nelson – Yea.

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