

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Knutson. All Commissioners in attendance.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Environmental Services at 9:40 a.m. (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of May 27, 2008 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: Gary Larson spoke reference the development of his property in Burlington Township and his plan for the driveways to access the development.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Environmental meeting. Steve Skoog will be in later with the Environmental plan.
 - ii) Attended the Highway meeting. Construction costs are up with increased complaints regarding the gravel roads.
 - iii) Attended the Bad Medicine Lake Association meeting with Patty Swenson. Discussion was held on the high water mark for the lake.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report, all committees will be in.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties District 4 meeting in Fergus Falls.
 - d) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Winter Trails Committee meeting. The budget process has started and discussion was held on the grooming equipment and the groomer operator positions.
 - ii) Reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference Planning Committee. The AMC annual conference is scheduled to be held in Duluth on December 8-10, 2008. This date conflicts with the first Board Meeting in December.
 - e) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties meeting in Fergus Falls; discussed the 3.9% levy cap from Minnesota Legislative Session.
 - ii) Attended the Joint Powers meeting in Mahanomen. Smaller counties are having a difficult time balancing their budgets.
3. Brian Berg gave a brief review of some of the budget information presented at the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference he attended in Fergus Falls.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by the Board of Commissioners the Board of Equalization Training at the Auditor-Treasurer's Conference to be held June 19, 2008 at Fair Hills Resort to include per diem and mileage (Mulari, Nelson), carried.

5. By consensus, the Board agreed to change the date of the first Board meeting in December from the 9th to the 16th to accommodate attendance by the Board of Commissioners at the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference to be held December 8-10, 2008 in Duluth.
6. By consensus, the Board agreed to ask the Administrator to coordinate committees to brainstorm ideas on cost savings within the County budgets. A Budget Calendar was distributed.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims including three over 90 day claims (1) add Ace Hardware due to missing invoices; (2) add Tires Plus due to missing invoice; and (3) add Solum Towing due to process followed for towing (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to purchase a new patrol boat at an estimated cost of \$16,750 using the 2008 Federal Boat & Water Grant money; to approve the increase of the daily fee to the State utilizing our minimum security facility from \$53/day to \$54/day; and to approve the enforcement and traffic agreements negotiated with FACE for WeFest and 10KLF events at an estimated cost of \$31,240.50 (enforcement) and \$9,678 (traffic).
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance request to purchase three new vacuums and a utility cart for an estimated cost of \$1,460 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance request to purchase a 15 ton cooling unit for temporary heating and cooling until the remodeling is completed in the current Court House for an estimated cost of \$13,500 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to have Maintenance present the Otis Elevator Contract at a later meeting.
6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway State Aid Construction Funding advance.
7. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Human Services Personnel request to fill a full-time vacancy in the Support Enforcement Aide position.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Building Change Order for door tracks on the new building at the Transfer Station for an estimated cost of \$2,103 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the addition to the agenda of remote electronic monitoring and Indian Health Services (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the acceptance of the 2008 Federal Boat & Water Grant for the equipment purchase of a new patrol boat in the amount of \$16,749 (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for fiscal year 2008-2009 increasing our fees from \$53/day to \$54/day per inmate slated for State Work Release at Minimum Security (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve signing contract with FACE for enforcement at WeFest in the amount of \$15,394.50, traffic at WeFest in the amount of \$15,846, and enforcement at 10KLF in the amount of \$9,678 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve an additional \$5,000 for remote electronic monitoring for a total of \$20,000 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. Information was presented on Indian Health Services. Senator Coleman and Representative Peterson are actively pursuing the issue investigating the why and how the services were withdrawn from Becker County.

Sunnyside Care Center

1. Janet Green, Ecumen, introduced Katie Lundmark, Sunnyside Administrator. Katie presented the Strategic Action Plan for 2008. Janet Ashmore and Brad Grant, Sunnyside Board Members, were in the audience and Brad Grant, Board Chair, offered input also. Katie Lundmark will contact Commissioners in the near future to discuss the possibility of a roundtable financial discussion.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway projects in an amount up to \$200,000 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. A construction update was presented on current projects.

Environmental

1. By consensus after discussion the Board agreed to move forward with the proposed Administration Building at the Becker County Transfer Station.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the personnel request for a full-time Support Enforcement Aide due to an internal promotion, Resolution 06-08-1B (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Corporate Foster Care Background Study Fee Policy beginning August 1, 2008 in the amount of \$350 for initial licensing inspections and related services, \$200 for re-licensing inspections and related services, and \$50 per background study request plus any charges due to other states to conduct a background check in another state (Salminen, Mulari), 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 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Tour of New Court House

1. Brian Berg conducted a tour of the new Court House.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Larry Knutson
Larry Knutson
Board Chair