

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Knutson. All Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2008 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - d) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting. They will be holding their Open House on December 3rd from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - ii) Attended the Development Achievement Center meeting. They are asking for five increased billable days.
 - e) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Soil & Water meeting. A Natural Resources Conservation Service presentation was given by the Fergus Falls office.
 - ii) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. Discussed the possible purchase of the apartment complex in Lake Park. The Sunnyside Board approved the purchase of the apartment complex and requested Katie Lundmark present the proposed purchase to the Becker County Board of Commissioners.
 - iii) The Building Committee has approved painting the second floor of the Phase II building project to match the first and third floor colors.
3. The Board agreed by consensus to hold an Organization Meeting on January 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. to swear in the three elected Commissioners and to continue the meeting after the break with the Department Heads to discuss the business plans for the year 2009.
4. The Board agreed by consensus to bring a Resolution regarding the Commissioner's salaries for 2009 to the next Finance meeting for discussion.
5. Appointments:
 - a) The Commissioners were asked to check with Department heads for appointments to be filled in 2009.

4. Committee assignments for next year were discussed. The Commissioners were asked to start working on the list for 2009 and have a preliminary list ready for the January 6th Organizational Meeting for discussion.
5. It was moved and seconded to amend the time for the Truth and Taxation Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the request from the Veterans Service for acceptance of Grants in the amount of \$42,550.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the authorization of the Human Service Committee to process the December claims (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the request from Natural Resource Management to approve the low bid of \$24,960 for 200,000 trees.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the request to amend the Truth and Taxation meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to correspond with the advertisement in regards to the meeting.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the low bid from PRT Inc. in the amount of \$24,960 for 85,000 red pine, 85,000 jack pine, 10,000 white pine, 10,000 blue fir and 10,000 white spruce for the spring of 2010 (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

Project Resources Corporation

1. Matthias Weigel presented an update on the Project Resources Corporation's Lakeswind project in Clay, Becker and Ottertail Counties and requested Becker County's signature on a Resolution of Support for the Lakeswind Project.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution 11-08-2A, in support of the preliminary plan for the development of the Lakeswind Project (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

Veterans Service

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Grants from the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (1) Book Grant for \$35,000; (2) NACVSO Training for 2009 for \$3,500; (3) Duplexing Scanner for \$950; (4) Reintegration Packets for \$2,000; (5) Laptop Computer for \$1,100 for a total of \$42,550 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Probation

1. A discussion was held on the Juvenile Center Program in Clay County. Data on secure and non-secure services were presented along with alternate sites for same services. The next meeting to discuss the budget shortages and plans for future billings will be held on December 4th with Commissioner Bellefeuille representing Becker County.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Development Achievement Center Agreement (Nelson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the service agreement with the White Earth Tribal Mental Health (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. By consensus of the Board it was agreed to accept the increase by Human Services of five days to the Development Achievement Center Agreement for the year 2009.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Income Maintenance Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Children and Family Services Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Nelson, Mulari), carried.

Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the change of zone from residential to industrial and to limit the conditional use permit for the business use of the proprietor for a truck terminal, shop, and yard, per the requests to support approval by the City of Frazee, Burlington Township, and the Frazee Economic Development Association for Frazee Holdings, LLC (Mulari, Nelson), Commissioner Salminen and Commissioner Knutson voting against the application, carried.
2. Planning Commission Recommendations, November 18, 2008: First Order of Business: Alex Bishop and Nancy Grabanski. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit to allow a second dwelling on the property described as: 37.26 acres in Govt Lot 3, Section 2, TWP 139, Range 36; located at 57239 Sartain Street, 24 ft. by 30 ft. in size, to be located within an existing garage, with the stipulation that the structure may only be used by the family member (Grabanski's brother-in-law) and once this family member is no longer living in the structure, the structure cannot become a rental unit (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. Second Order of Business: Hough Inc. The motion was tabled by Mike Hough until the December meeting.

4. Third Order of Business: Susanna Hanson Trust. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve a preliminary plat consisting of six lots for the property described as: W ½ SE ¼ Govt Lot 3 and Govt Lot 4 less Hanson's Mt View Shores; Section 8, TWP 139, Range 38; located at 20475 West Toad Lake Drive, Toad Lake, based on the fact that the proposal meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. Fourth Order of Business: Barry and Theresa Halvorson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to deny a conditional use permit for a retaining wall for the property located at 19738 Morton Oaks Road, Maud Lake, based on the fact that it does not meet the criteria of the Zoning ordinance and there are other alternatives to control the erosion (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
6. Fifth Order of Business: Jeff and Susan Schlossman. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit to allow an equestrian riding school at the property located at 42273 St Hwy 34 in Toad Lake Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area and would be compatible with the area. This would include equestrian training, riding lessons, indoor/outdoor and day riding camps, hayrides, nature walks, skiing, occasional special events, a home office and kitchen (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. Sixth Order of Business: Final Plat of Valhalla Shores. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the final plat of Valhalla Shores based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
8. Seventh Order of Business: The next Informational Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the Planning and Zoning Office.

Assessor

1. There were no abatements.

Environmental Services

1. Possible changes to the Becker County recycling program were presented to the Board.

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