

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Salminen. Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda (Knutson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Tim Gordon, Becker County Sheriff, spoke reference his request to purchase sand bags for local residents to battle the flood waters which he will add to his agenda today.
 - b) Jim Shaw spoke reference the bill before the Minnesota Legislature regulating nonconforming lots in shoreland areas.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Clay County Board meeting with Commissioner Schram. Becker County's nomination, Duane Erickson, was interviewed for the Manager appointment on the Wild Rice Watershed Board. Clay County will be making the appointment tonight after public testimony is received. He will attend with Commissioner Schram and confirm the unanimous support from the Becker County Commissioners for the appointment of Duane Erickson.
 - ii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Library meeting. Items discussed were the budgets, Maintenance of Effort numbers and reduction of services at the libraries.
 - iii) Reported on the progress of the Lake Association booklet that is a collaborative effort including the Becker County Soil and Water department.
 - iv) Attended the Soil and Water meeting. The tree orders are starting to come in.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Highway meeting. Discussed quotes and bids.
 - ii) Attended the Fair Board meeting. Discussed the possibility of using a new company to operate the various derbys at the fair this summer.
 - iii) Attended the Natural Resource meeting. Discussed land sale options regarding some large parcels.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sheriff's Committee meeting. Discussed the 33 page Grant that includes the hiring of a Deputy for a period of three years paying the salary and benefits with the fourth year picked up by the County. Retirements in the next few years were also discussed to accommodate this plan.
 - ii) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting with Commissioner Salminen.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting with Commissioner Bellefeuille. The disruption and damage to the West River Apartments has been resolved.

- ii) Attended the Natural Resource meeting. Discussed land sales and agreed by consensus to opt out on the ATV trail designation.
- iii) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting; very impressed with the reduction in waiting time for patients with the psychiatrist now located in Detroit Lakes.
- e) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) The WesMin Resource and Conservation meeting was snowed out.
 - ii) Attended the State of the Reservation speech at the Shooting Star Casino. The Tribe made note of Becker County's attendance.
 - iii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting. Bids for the nutrition supplier and Alzheimer meetings are scheduled in June. Some nutrition centers are meeting at restaurants instead of the centers and this has been well received.
 - iv) Attended the Clay County Board meeting with Commissioner Nelson. Discussed the Wild Rice Watershed nomination, water projects, and water flow.
 - v) Attended the Labor Management meeting. The LMC Auction was a great success and \$1,756 was raised for the Food Pantry. He also attended the Frazee Talent Show which raised money for the Food Pantry. The roadside cleanup will be held in May and encouraged the Commissioners to participate.
 - vi) Attended a Museum event and gave a presentation on Washington Avenue in the 50's.
 - vii) Attended the Historical Society meeting. They would like to host a luncheon for the Commissioners. They discussed the new Historical building budget, a new web site with a virtual tour, and two schools that are coming this week for tours.
- f) Brian Berg reported on three upcoming meetings that the Commissioners might have interest in attending. Commissioner Bellefeuille planned to attend the Veteran's Memorial meeting and Commissioner Salminen planned to attend the Township meeting.
- g) Discussion was held on the flood issues in Clay and Becker Counties.
- h) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2H to renew unanimous support for the nomination of Duane Erickson to represent Clay/Becker County as a Manager to the Wild Rice Watershed Board (Nelson, Schram). A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners were in favor, carried. Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Schram will attend the meeting this afternoon with no mileage or per diem.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the new wine and strong beer license for Rayna Tucker, Northwoods Recreation LLC, Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the on sale 3.2 beer license renewal for Gregg Johnson, Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club, Lake Eunice Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Fred Brower, Cedar Crest Resort, Maple Grove Township; (2) Jay Olness, GR8 Investments Inc., Pit 611, Lake Eunice Township; (3) Richard Lynch, Hotel Shoreham Inc., Lake View Township; (4) Rayna Tucker, Northwoods Recreation LLC, Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Township; (5) Gerald Hanson, Charlies Bar & Supper Club, Height of Land Township; (6) Wayne Crawford, Sunlite Bar-N-Grill Inc., Detroit Township; (7) Nancy Hofstrand, Delhelm Inc., Randy's Lake Eunice, Lake Eunice Township; (8) Shirley Kalberer, County 6 BP & Bait, Lake View Township; (9) Rita Coalwell, Coalwell Agency Inc., Highway 59 Store, Detroit Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination on & off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Anne Buelow, Jolly Fisherman Resort, Round Lake Township; (2) Allen Chirpich, The

Hideaway Resort, Shell Lake Township; (3) Richard Bartelt, Four Corners, Erie Township; (4) Timothy Eischens, Two Inlets County Store, Two Inlets Township; (5) Roger Nelson, Loon Echo Inc., Elbow Lake Store & Bar, Round Lake Township; (6) Michael Levin, Green Valley Golf Course, Cormorant Township; (7) Randy Blanford, Tamarac Resort & Campground, Sugar Bush Township; (8) Robert Miller, Frazee Golf, Inc., Burlington Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Richard Lynch, Hotel Shoreham Inc., Lake View Township (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual tubing license renewal for Eddie Enger & Benjamin Garlie, Ed's River Run, Erie Township (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the employee expenditure reimbursement claim for Carissa Markuson in the amount of \$468.56 (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Environmental requests to extend the Minnkota Recycling contract and to change rates at the Transfer Station. Discussed the Perham incinerator expansion.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to sign the State contract for minimum security beds for DOC, ICWC and STS and to accept the Federal Boating Safety Supplement Agreement.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway's request to accept the low quote for bituminous oils, to accept quotes for steel pipe culverts and to transfer dollars from municipal to regular funds.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to add the sand bag purchase to the agenda, (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve signing the State DOC, ICWC, and STS Agreement for fiscal years 2010/2011 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept Resolution 03-09-2G, to authorize the Becker County Administrator to sign an agreement with the State of Minnesota to apply for the 2009 Federal Boating Safety Supplement Agreement (B25685) with an allocation of \$10,000 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the sand bag purchase for 2,500 bags in the amount of \$625 for the first purchase with approval for emergency purchases up to \$5,000 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. Discussion was held on the possibility of the Emergency Management Manager working with retail businesses to find a business willing to become a local source for sand bags in the future.

Mahube Community Council, Inc.

1. Leah Pigatti, Executive Director and Marcia Otte, Family Development Director, presented information on the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program and the West River Town Homes.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2A supporting the Mahube Community Council, Inc., in submitting the "Family Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program" Grant Application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Environmental

1. It was moved and seconded to approve renewing the Recycling Agreement with MinnKota EnviroSservices, dba MinnKota Recycling for 18 months and from then on year to year with termination by either party if notification is given at least 120 days prior to the end of the existing contract (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. Information on the Perham Resource Recovery Facility expansion was presented. After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that Becker County is tentatively interested and would like to request more information before making a final decision.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the rate change on disposal rates for concrete that can be recycled to \$4.00 per cubic yard (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the new waste haulers license for Northern Pines Sanitary Service from Park Rapids (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the revisions to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee including appointees (two township supervisors or city council members) from each Commissioners district with the appointments made by each Commissioner (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Public Hearing

1. The Public Hearing on the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Forbes, LLC, DBA: Osage Liquor was opened by Ryan Tangen, Auditor-Treasurer.
2. Gene Forbes and his attorney, Carl Malmstrom, presented information on his behalf to support approval of his license request.
3. Dave Quashnick and Dave Lymburner presented information supporting approval of the license request.
4. Jeff Christlieb, Bill Ullom, Rebecca Petre, and Brenda Ullom presented information opposing the license request.
5. Ryan Tangen read a letter from Archie Anderson supporting the license.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the new off sale liquor license for Forbes, LLC, dba Osage Liquor, Eugene Forbes, President, Osage Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Food Pantry

1. The Becker County Commissioners presented a check to the Becker County Food Pantry in the amount of \$1,756 raised from the LMC Auction.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the removal of the Community Health Reports from the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2B allowing Becker County to become the Common Entry Point for receiving Vulnerable Adult reports (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2C opposing the S.F. 1359, "Human Services Authority Act", as introduced on March 12, 2009 and requesting adequate time to review any proposals and offer meaningful comment prior to legislative action (Nelson, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Child and Family Services Report (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Income Maintenance Reports (Nelson, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Nelson, Schram), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Knutson, Schram), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2D authorizing the County Engineer to accept the low quote, execute and enter into a contract with Swanston Equipment for bituminous materials and asphalt crackfiller (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2E to accept quotes for steel pipe culverts from Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc. and Contech, Inc. and authorize the County Engineer to make purchases as may be needed (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-09-2F to request the Commissioner of Transportation transfer \$6,014.04 (all funds) in excess of two years apportionment into the Regular Construction Account (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
4. An update on road flooding issues was presented. A link is available on the Becker County web site with a map listing the closures.
5. It was agreed by consensus to give authority to the Highway Committee to make decisions regarding emergency assistance including Becker County equipment and manpower.

Natural Resource Management/Parks & Recreation

6. A recommendation of the Natural Resource Committee on forest classification was presented. The recommendation was to “opt out” from State management requirements on all county-administered lands and develop its own restrictions on motorized access; lands within the Smokey Hills and Two Inlets State Forest should be managed in a manner consistent with the State’s “limited” classification while lands with the White Earth State forest and lands outside of any state forest boundary be managed where all forest roads and trails are open to motorized access unless posted closed; and granting authority to Natural Resources Management to close any county-administered forest road or trail, either temporarily or permanently, when such action is necessary for the protection of the forest, the road or trail, or the general public. Copies of the recommendation were distributed to those in attendance.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the fuelwood policy change to set up fuelwood sales in one 10-20 acre block in three or four areas where requests for fuelwood sales are common with a minimum purchase of \$50 at \$10/cord (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to apply to the Minnesota DNR for an additional 5-6 miles within the Winter Wonderland Trail System to establish a trail from Height-of-Land Lake to Toad Lake along Co. Hwy. 56 (Schram, Knutson), carried.

Continuation of Budget/Strategic Plan

1. County Administrator, Brian Berg, quickly reviewed the expenditures and revenue reductions introduced at the meeting of February 10, 2009. The consensus was to proceed with the Plan of February 10th with future discussion of options as the Legislature progresses. The Commissioners and Department Heads moved to five breakout groups; they being Public Safety, Land Use, Human Services, Highway, and Central Services. Each group was attended

by one Commissioner. The groups discussed the current ideas of implementation, the sustainability of the ideas, plans for 2010/2011, and each group was asked to establish goals within the Strategic Plans for the future. At the completion of the breakout groups, a presenter from each group highlighted their ideas. At the close, each of the five groups was to update the Strategic Plan as it pertained to their group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Harry Salminen
Harry Salminen
Board Chair