

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 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 Minutes of March 24, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 30, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Albin Warling, Hamden Township Chairman, spoke reference his opposition to the certification of the sale of 40 acres owned by Bruce Miller to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
 - b) Tom Torgerson, Becker County Veteran, spoke reference his request for assistance in replacing the ride service for veterans to the VA Hospital in Fargo previously offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Detroit Lakes but discontinued for lack of funding. Lauri Brooke, Veteran Services Officer, presented the current transit bus program offered by the Clay County Rural Transit that runs round trip daily from Detroit Lakes, stopping in various towns on the way to Fargo and returning the same route. Other options are being researched to improve the service to the veteran population in Becker County.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Safety meeting. Discussed the increase of injuries due to slipping and falling.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental Services tour of a proposed satellite location for solid waste with Dean Haverkamp and Steve Skoog.
 - iii) Attended the Parks & Recreation meeting. Discussed approval to raise funds to hire a consultant for a recreational plan. Guy Fisher, Housing/Economic Development Coordinator, and Hank Ludtke, Mayor of Frazee, toured the possible addition to the Heartland Trail.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Veteran's Memorial meeting. A vote was taken on the monument design; a picture of the approved plan was passed around. Discussed the confirmation of the pledge from the City of Detroit Lakes and the sale of pavers in memory of veterans to pay for the memorial.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Encouraged attendance by all the Commissioners to the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference April 29 – 30, 2009 in St. Paul. The State of Minnesota is proposing a new regional plan for Human Services. Nancy Nelson has contacted the State Legislators to express her views against the regional plan. Commissioner Salminen encouraged the Commissioners to contact their State

- Legislators and to express their concerns regarding the regional plan if they don't plan to attend the Conference.
- d) It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by the Commissioners to the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference April 29 – 30, 2009 in St. Paul including per diem and mileage (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
 - e) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Clay County Board meeting with Commissioner Nelson. Duane Erickson, Becker County's supported nomination, received the appointment as Manager to the Wild Rice Watershed Board.
 - ii) Attended the woody bio-mass workshop presentation at the old Pine Point School in Ponsford sponsored by the White Earth Natural Resources Department. This is a possible new business on the White Earth Reservation.
 - iii) Attended the Township Officers meeting.
 - iv) Attended the Winter Trails banquet for land owners who allow snowmobilers to cross their property. 6,570 miles were groomed this year.
 - v) Attended the Becker County Aging meeting. Discussed 55 Alive meetings, senior neglect and abuse, senior programs, and the evacuation of the FM area for the flood.
 - vi) Attended a Woods and Wheels ATV Club meeting. Discussion was held on their concerns.
 - vii) Attended the WesMin Resource Conservation and Development Area meeting in Alexandria. The sale of Smoky Timbers Camp at Lake Miltona was discussed.
 - viii) Attended a presentation by Rhonda Stock on the Public Health Update that gave a history of the peanut butter outbreak.
 - f) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Clay County Board meeting with Commissioner Schram. Duane Erickson, Becker County's supported nomination, received the appointment as Manager to the Wild Rice Watershed Board. The Board was using an outdated percentage for Becker County participating acreage and Commissioner Nelson researched and reported the correct figure to the Watershed Board.
 - ii) Attended the Buffalo Red River Watershed Advisory meeting. The Oakport Township project was discussed.
 - iii) Attended the Wild Rice Watershed Advisory meeting.
 - iv) Attended the Regional Radio Board for Commissioner Bellefeuille in Thief River Falls.
 - v) Reported on the progress of the Water Stewardship Booklet. Various groups are funding the project and they are progressing forward with an early summer completion date.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-1B, gambling premise permit for Wolf Lake Wolf Pack Baseball, Inc. for operations at Osage Bait & Tackle in Osage Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the tubing license renewal for James & Cathleen Pihlaja – Charlies Ottertail Tubing, Erie Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the new seasonal tobacco license, the new off sale 3.2 beer license, and the new wine & strong beer license for Peggy Branstrom – Osage Bait & Tackle, Osage Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

4. It was moved and seconded to approve the on sale liquor license renewals for (1) Aaron Swanson, Swenson Mills Ltd. – Bleachers, Lake View Township; (2) Jeffrey Krueger, Horseshoe Inc., - Soo Pass Ranch, Lake View Township; (3) Michael Mercil, Mercil Inc. – Little Easy on the Green, Lake View Township; (4) Matthew Anderson – Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Inc., Cormorant Township; (5) Kevin Karel, Cormorant Enterprises, Inc. – Cormorant Inn & Suites, Cormorant Township; (6) Robert Spizzo, Resort Management Corp. – Forest Hills Golf & R.V. Resort, Audubon Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale liquor license renewal for John (Pete) Johnson – Richwood Off Sale, Inc., Richwood Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination on & off sale liquor license renewals for (1) Lance Highman – Northern Inn, Toad Lake Township; (2) Joy McNamara – County 17 Club, Inc, Lake View Township; (3) Susan Rader – Toad Lake Store, Toad Lake Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Jody Beaudine – Lakes One Stop Shop LLC, Cormorant Township; (2) Matthew Anderson – Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Inc., Cormorant Township; (3) Richard Sherbrook – Cormorant Store, Inc., Cormorant Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the on/off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Jeff Krueger, Horseshoe Inc. – Soo Pass Ranch, Lake View Township; (2) Bradley Swanson – Swanies Resort, Cormorant Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the temporary 1-4 day on sale liquor licenses for (1) Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Soo Pass Ranch for the 10,000 Lakes Festival on July 22-25, 2009, Lake View Township; (2) Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Soo Pass Ranch for We Fest on August 5-8, 2009, Lake View Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Randal Levy, 10,000 Lakes Festival – Soo Pass Ranch, Lake View Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements (1) Audubon Township, PINS 02.0184.000 for \$382 and 02.0181.000 for \$(8); (2) Cuba Township, PINS 07.0169.000 for \$464, 14.0148.000 for \$64 and 07.0169.001 for \$(170); (3) Holmesville Township PINS 16.0086.002 for \$34 and 16.0086.000 for \$(72); (4) Detroit Lakes PINS 49.0053.536 for \$172, 49.0053.540 for \$184, 49.0053.600 for \$426, 49.0053.620 for \$90, 49.0053.640 for \$386, 49.0053.660 for \$268, 49.0053.680 for \$172, 49.0053.690 for \$170, 49.0053.705 for \$236, 49.0053.710 for \$188, 49.0053.720 for \$538, 49.0054.116 for \$132, 49.0054.180 for \$62, 49.0054.190 for \$82, 49.0054.220 for \$346, 49.0054.256 for \$140, 49.0054.260 for \$38, 49.0054.270 for \$16 49.0054.280 for \$430, 49.0124.100 for \$416, 49.0540.535 for \$64, 49.0638.110 for \$8, 49.0672.421 for \$20, 49.0830.401 for \$58, 49.0830.411 for \$114, 49.0830.412 for \$124, 49.0830.413 for \$138, 49.0830.414 for \$56, 49.0830.416 for \$154, 49.0830.417 for \$204, 49.0830.418 for \$188, 49.0830.419 for \$110, 49.0830.420 for \$166, 49.0830.421 for \$146, 49.0830.422 for \$144, 49.0830.423 for \$12, 49.0830.424 for \$56, 49.0932.810 for \$52, 49.0946.631 for \$14, 49.0946.635 for \$16, 49.0946.637 for \$32, 49.0946.638 for \$38, 49.2512.060 for \$116, 49.2512.061 for \$54, 49.2512.484 for \$552, 49.1635.000 for \$2,051.61, 49.2074.000 for \$(604), and 49.1698.822 for \$258); (5) Lake Park Township PINS 51.0066.001 for \$(952) and 51.0066.000 for \$12 for a combined total of \$8,071.61 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve signing the Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Corrections contract B25844 for payment to Becker County for Sentence To Serve services \$37,433 for year 2010 and \$38,556 for year 2011 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve signing the one year Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Corrections contract B26577 to house State Work release inmates at minimum security for \$54 per day per inmate (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve signing the Amendment to Grant P78 0000006061, an electronic home monitoring program for an additional award of \$7,095 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Sheriff Gordon reported on the submission of the Cops Grant for a deputy to be fully funded for three years by the Grant and funded on the fourth year by Becker County as the submission date had to be met or the opportunity to be awarded the Grant would be lost.
5. Sheriff Gordon reported on the deputy hours invested for the Clay County flood coverage. To date 430 hours have been invested with five full time and five part time deputies the first crest and two full time and two part time the second crest. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will meet with Becker County officials tomorrow.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife

1. Don Kleven, Realty Specialist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and Scott Kahan, Refuge Manager for Hamden Slough, presented information on the certification of the option to purchase 40 acres from Bruce Miller in Hamden Township.
2. The land owner, Bruce Miller, presented information supporting the sale of his 40 acres to the Fish and Wildlife Service.
3. Steve Mattson and Albin Warling presented information against the sale of the 40 acres.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve certification of the purchase agreement for acquisition of 40 acres from Bruce and Kristi Miller in Hamden Township (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-1A authorizing the County Engineer to accept the low bid and execute and enter into the contract for \$938,210.50 from Mark Sand & Gravel Co. for milling, reclaiming, bituminous surfacing and aggregate shouldering for Projects SAP 03-610-07 & SAP 03-631-12 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the addition of Resolution 04-09-1C to the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements with Blue Sky, Inc., Lakes Homes and Program Development, Sheila Ojala, First Link, Solutions, and Lakeland Mental Health Center (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-1C authorizing the purchase of a new transit bus from North Central Bus Sales in the approximate amount of \$60,000 paid for in total by funds from State/Federal share (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Parks & Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to approve an addition to the agenda regarding two appointments to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee and approval of the application for Wetland Projects by the North Country Trail Association to the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the application to the MN-DNR for funding to develop two additions to the Winter Wonderland Snowmobile Trail System (Schram, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointments of Ryan Weum, representing the Detroit Lakes Tourism Bureau and Doug Schumann, representing the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the application for Wetland Projects for the North Country Trail pending review and approval by the County Attorney (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Commissioners

Reports & Correspondence, Continued

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the tour of the incinerator project at Fosston on April 21, 2009; the tour will leave the Becker County Court House at 8:00 a.m. and return by noon; the press is invited to attend (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. A discussion of the compiled dollar amount for the spring flood was discussed. A \$98,000 threshold is required for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; FEMA will be meeting with Becker County personnel tomorrow.
3. It was moved and seconded to concur with the date of May 30, 2009 for an Open House at the Court House (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Brian Berg, Becker County Administrator, presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion Auxiliary, John Bridges Unit 15 to the Becker County Court House for exhibiting outstanding citizenship by the display of the United States flag.
5. The appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee were discussed.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the over 90 day claims (West Central Regional Juvenile for \$13,035, Commissioner of Public Safety for \$20, Eco Lab for \$205.02, Mark's Electric for \$665.75, \$334.88, and \$59) (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the quote for refinishing of the terrazzo floors in the main Court House from Professional Floor Care of Minnesota for \$11,880 (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff requests to sign the DOC, STS Joint Powers Agreement, to sign the DOC Work Release Joint Powers Agreement, and to sign the Amendment to the State Grant Home Monitoring.

4. Steve Skoog, Environmental Director, is going to research further the availability of the welder through the Highway Department and return to a later Finance meeting.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology Software purchases (1) ESRI Maintenance for software that is used for the County's GIS website for \$7,061.07, (2) Symantec Backup Exec for VMware to backup data from the new VMware servers for \$1,704 plus tax and (3) the purchase of a laptop for the Veteran Service Officer for \$1,200 using a grant to pay for the purchase (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the additional signage for the Court House for \$854.13 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen
Harry Salminen
Board Chair