

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 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 May 26, 2009 (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Clarence Suvanto spoke reference several topics including Open Forum guidelines, access to public lands, county tax issues, monitoring irrigation wells, dust control on County roads, Becker County cash reserves, Board of Equalization meeting, the Veterans Memorial, partnerships with the City of Detroit Lakes and the City of Perham, new parking lot, cabin leases on tax forfeited lands, and the former entrance to the old Court House.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Dallas Flynn Open House with Commissioner Schram. The tour of the high tunnel green houses using solar energy was very well attended.
 - b) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Parks and Recreation meeting. Discussed funding for the Recreational Plan and the possibility of matching funds from Becker County.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental Services meeting. Discussed the Perham Resource Recovery Project and the option of being a participant and not a partner. Grant monies are still available if Becker County is a participant including funding for a Transfer Station. Also discussed a new demo cell in the near future and the price of scrap iron is lower than last year.
 - c) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Mahube tour of the building; they are remodeling and adding an addition. Mahube is continuing their efforts to access funding for projects and have increased intake substantially along with creating partnership agreements with other local entities to create savings.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties meeting in Fergus Falls. Discussed funding reductions and tax increases.
 - e) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center Committee meeting. Discussed general operating topics.
 - ii) Attended the Census meeting at the City Hall. Discussed concerns regarding possible incorrect head counts for representation at the State level.
 - iii) Attended the Becker County Aging meeting. Discussed current topics of concern to the senior citizens.
 - iv) Attended the Rice/Rock Lake Annual meeting.

- v) Attended the North Country Trail National Trails Day event at Ice Cracking Lake.
 - vi) Attended the Association of Minnesota Counties meeting in Fergus Falls. Discussed combining offices and working together when practical.
 - vii) Attended the Dallas Flynn Open House with Commissioner Nelson. A smaller version of the high tunnel greenhouse without solar energy is also available.
 - viii) Will not attend the WesMin Resource Conservation & Development meeting in Fergus Falls tomorrow but instead will attend the Wild Rice Watershed meeting with no per diem or mileage.
3. Appointments
- a) There were no appointments.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Gambling Permit for the Shrine Club Color Guard for operations at Richwood Store in Richwood Township, Resolution 06-09-1B (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of one over 90 day claim; Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney for \$3,720.31; the bill was believed to have been paid (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was recommended by Finance to approve the Environmental Services requests to purchase compost bins, rain barrels, recycling containers, and to renew the contract on scrap metal.
3. The Moorhead Juvenile Detention Center was discussed centering on paying a flat rate to sustain their overhead and should this require a management responsibility.
4. It was moved and seconded to sell the older Transit bus on line at publicsurplus.com with the Sheriff's vehicles (Schram, Knutson), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Abatement for PIN 21.0160.004 in Osage in the amount of \$52 (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. The Board of Equalization meeting will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2009; two people have signed up.
3. The State Board of Equalization will be held tomorrow in St. Paul; there were no changes to the assessment by the Minnesota Department of Revenue State Board of Equalization for the 2009 assessment.

Environmental

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of compost bins for resale (\$3,115.50), rain barrels for resale (\$4,173), and recycling containers (\$1,915) for a total of \$9,203.50 (Nelson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the metal recycling contract with Schaefer Auto for \$52/ton (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
3. Attended the Perham Resource Recovery Coordinating meeting. They discussed a regional approach and will be sending a letter to invite representatives from the counties to meet and discuss longer term goals and the benefits of working together.

Moorhead Juvenile Detention Center Cost Discussion

1. Commissioner Bellefeuille and Margaret Lindquist, Probation Lead Agent, led a discussion regarding the financial shortage at the Moorhead Juvenile Detention Center. Consensus of the Commissioners was Becker County is committed to the Juvenile Center and would like to know the number of beds Becker County is responsible for and does this responsibility give Becker County a vote instead of the current advisory status.

Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to appoint Matt Casey for a four year term, Jean Evans for a three year term, and John Riewer for a two year term to the Personnel Board of Appeals (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried..
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 06-09-1A to modify the voluntary furlough plan for exempt employees leave time (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Parks and Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Joel Matter as the ULTRA Snowmobile Club representative on the Winter Trails Advisory Committee for the term of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011 (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Purchase of Services Agreement with Frazee School for Preschool Screenings (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Tour of SJE-Rhombus Lake Melissa Ceramic Membrane BioReactors Cluster System

1. The Commissioners attended a group tour of the SJE-Rhombus Lake Melissa Ceramic Membrane BioReactors Cluster System located at 11699 County Highway 17.

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