

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 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 add Sale of County Surplus Property under Commissioners to the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2009 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Ordinance Review Committee meeting; resort owners are concerned about the length of the resort moratorium and would like to speed up the process. The Committee is waiting for an opinion from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
    - ii) Attended the Highway Committee meeting with Commissioner Nelson. A new 2010 Dodge Ram truck with all the equipment was found and it was within the approved budget.
  - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports: All meetings attended will be brought before the Board today. He also passed around some trail maps from the northern part of the state.
  - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Human Services Committee meeting. Discussed the Emergency Assistance Plan changes in wording regarding the term of assistance. All the Purchase of Service Agreements are renewals. Discussed fuel assistance formula.
    - ii) Met with Jon Thomson of the Economic Development Authority. EDA applied for housing grants through Callaway and other towns.
  - d) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. They are using walkie-talkies instead of overhead paging and it has been less confusing. They are sharing the dietician with Pelican Rapids on a trial basis, the census is stable, and they may add four more private rooms.
    - ii) Regarding the Winter Trails Advisory Committee, Pelican Rapids or Fergus Falls will not groom the southern trails. They are investigating the possibility of Two Inlets grooming the four miles of the northern trails and then shifting Becker County to the southern trails. Cormorant bridge will be replaced at freezing time. There have been complaints regarding signage on some snowmobile trails.
    - iii) The City of Frazee will be hosting the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Awards on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv) Attended the corn feed in Frazee; it was a great success.
  - e) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Informational Meeting regarding the LaBelle and Boyer Lakes Project August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Lake Park City Center. There were over fifty people in attendance. A detailed proposed route with actual elevations was

presented. The State of Minnesota is out of funding for this year for the project. The estimated cost is \$288,000 with the cost unknown for individual land owners. It was encouraged to start procurement of the easements as soon as possible.

- ii) Attended the Joint Powers meeting in Mahnomen. Brenda Elmer of the Red River Basin presented a grant money review. Several counties were in attendance and each gave short reviews of their current activities.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the sale of all surplus items for public sale as approved by Administrator Berg using Craig's List and advance notification to all Becker County employees by email and all residents with a newspaper ad with an itemized list to be completed and reported back to the Board of Commissioners (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Appointments
  - a) The Cormorant Lakes Watershed appointment will be on the September 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda. There is currently confusion regarding who the appointment is for and a Resolution will be presented to clarify the appointment.
  - b) It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Bellefeuille as the voting delegate for Becker County to the AMC Indian Affairs Task Force's first meeting on September 17, 2009 in Brainerd (Nelson, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by all Commissioners at the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference in Minneapolis on December 7-9, 2009 with mileage and per diem (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by Commissioner Schram at the West Central Treatment and Correctional Center Project Presentation in Brainerd on September 17, 2009 with mileage and per diem (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
6. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the USDA Rural Development Recovery Act Rural Business Enterprise Grant Awards to be held in Frazee on September 16, 2009 with no mileage or per diem allowed.
7. Budget discussion was held reference maximum levy of 1.38% increase. Brian Berg discussed funding additions to Highway, Sheriff's budget and Human Services over the last few years.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.
2. Resolution 09-09-1A for the Tax Forfeited Land Sale will be addressed in the Finance minutes.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with one addition and four over 90 days claims; add reimbursement for Gerald Schram in the amount of \$632.65; over 90 days claims: Becker County Highway for \$857.92 due to gasoline account confusion; Thomson West for \$471.71 due to missing invoice; Herzog Roofing for \$61,410 due to missing invoice; and DL Towing for \$367.42 due to missing invoice (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Parks and Recreation's request for the purchase of bridge decking material for the repair of a snowmobile bridge.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution 09-09-1C for the proposed tax levy for 2010 established as the Total Maximum Levy of \$17,501,553 representing a 1.38% levy increase (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Economic Development Authority's request to certify the EDA levy for \$175,633 representing a 0% increase, Resolution 09-09-1B.

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's Resolution 09-09-1A for the Tax-Forfeit Land Sale to commence at 1:00 pm on October 23, 2009 and defining the terms of sale (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request to utilize Wells Fargo Brokerage as a safe keeping entity and to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request for a warrant issued to K-Mart to refund 2005, 2006, and 2007 taxes in the amount of \$20,113 as ordered by the Tax Court (Schram, Nelson), carried.
8. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to accept the Safe & Sober Grant in the amount of \$30,000.
9. It was moved and seconded to accept the Information Technology's request to authorize Rick Kelsven to sign the contract with Verizon for the Countywide contract for cell phones (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

#### Economic Development Authority

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-1B certifying the levy for the 2010 budget for the purpose of funding housing and economic related activities in the amount of \$175,633 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried
2. A Public Housing update was presented including a letter from the Department of Corrections informing Becker County that the contract for the services of the ICWC Affordable Homes Crew will be cancelled effective September 30, 2009 and an update on the Pelican River Town Home units.

#### Census Bureau

1. Cindy Madigan cancelled at the last minute and was unable to give her Complete Count Committee in Becker County presentation.

#### Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to delete Chemical Use Assessment Fees from the agenda (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to revise two Emergency Assistance programs through the MFIP/DWP Consolidated Fund allocation beginning October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 to change its lifetime limit to once in a 12 month period (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services renewals of Purchase of Service Agreements – Home and Community Based Services (Five Star Living, LLC; Phillips Electronics North America Corporation; Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota; Greenwood Connections; St. Mary's Regional Health Center; and Ecumen [aka Emmanuel Community]) (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Schram, Knutson), carried.

#### Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the authorization to execute the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled Safe &

Sober Communities during the period from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Natural Resource Management/Parks and Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to table Resolution 09-09-1D splitting tax forfeited parcel E50.7001.001 in the City of Frazee as more information was requested by the Commissioners (Schram, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to remove the request to purchase bridge decking material to a later date to allow receipt of an additional quote (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to accept quotes for snowmobile improvements on the .55 miles of the Ice Cracking Lodge Trail in South Round Lake Township (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a one year extension to the Lake Melissa/Sally Lake Association for their septic system program (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to table the Tru Star Federal Credit Union Reconciliation (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg  
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen  
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Board Chair