

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 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 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2009 (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting with Commissioner Salminen. They are moving the ICWC work crew to Duluth.
 - ii) Attended the Extension Committee meeting. A discussion reference budgets and personnel was held.
 - iii) Attended the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee meeting in Brainerd. Elected Commissioner Dennis Fink, St. Louis County, as Chair. Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) Summit will be in November or January for all counties in Minnesota with reservations on them. All communications are to go through MIAC. They requested an alternate be appointed from Becker County to the Committee.
 - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting with Commissioner Bellefeuille.
 - ii) All other meetings attended will be brought before the Board today.
 - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Awards in Frazee (received \$90,000) and at the Minnesota State Community College (received \$99,000).
 - ii) Attended the WesMin Resource Conservation & Development meeting. The Smokey Timber Camp sale has been completed. Discussed the grant from Alberta regarding winter grazing, the Wadena wildlife and dry water hydrants.
 - iii) Attended the West Central Treatment Facility meeting in Brainerd. Discussed the State funding for a 90 day treatment center for chemical dependency and mental issues and the possibility of closing courts in lower populated counties.
 - iv) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. Discussed the goals for 2010.
 - v) Attended the Frazee Tour of Leaves and yard sale.
 - vi) The Becker County Historical Society will be presenting the premiere of Timber Dead and Down September 24th at the Community Center. Tickets are on sale for \$50 each and donations are welcome for the silent auction. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
 - vii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting. Discussed the National Service Industries contract and the Detroit Lakes Nutrition Center.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- i) Will be attending Denim & Diamonds; premier of Timber Dead and Down at the Community Center. Encouraged all the Commissioners to attend.
 - ii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting. Discussed budget concerns, audit results, and strategic plans.
 - iii) Attended the Soil and Water Committee meeting. Discussed dry fire hydrants requested by the Townships, the weed inspector program and the plans for the next tour, wild parsnip exposure, and their new duties managing the farm tiling and water quality for drainage.
 - iv) Attended the Extension meeting with Commissioner Bellefeuille. Discussed personnel issues to prepare for next year's budget.
- e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
- i) Attended the Highway Committee meeting with Commissioner Nelson; discussed the two positions that will be vacant soon and suggested the Commissioners be aware of this and research the options.
 - ii) Attended the Environmental meeting. Discussed a possible Municipal Solid Waste Regional Authority Agreement and Steve Skoog will take Becker County's concerns back to the regional group meeting. The State Bonding Board may have funds available for the transfer station that we may want to compete for; suggested we contact Senator Keith Langseth when these funds are announced.
 - iii) Attended the Parks and Recreation meeting. The committee soliciting funds for the Recreational Plan has stalled. Input from the Commissioners was requested and the plan of action was discussed. The Board agreed by consensus that Brian Berg would head a County Recreation Plan Committee and hold meetings twice a month on Thursday mornings reporting the monthly results to the Board at the first Board meeting of each month. The Commissioners were invited to attend the meetings.
3. Appointments:
- a) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-2B clarifying the confusion over the terms of appointments for Jeff Moritz, Ellis Peterson, and Jody Beaudine of the Cormorant Lake's Watershed District (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
 - b) Commissioner Nelson requested the expiration of Jeff Moritz's appointment be advertised again and brought before the Board before the expiration date of December 31, 2009.
 - c) John Erickson resigned from the Park Board. Commissioner Salminen is looking for a replacement. The Board requested Brian Berg send a thank you letter to Mr. Erickson for his years of service on the Park Board.
 - d) Ray Thorkildson resigned from the Planning Commission. The Board requested Brian Berg send a thank you letter to Mr. Thorkildson for his years of service on the Planning Commission.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the correction to the December 18, 2007 minutes to read as follows: Resolution 12-07-2A for the 2008 Budgets, Expenditures by Fund \$49,827,238; Revenues by Fund \$43,520,798; Tax Levy by Fund \$16,506,780 and the Becker County Economic Development District special tax levy estimated to be \$175,633 (Schram, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Commissioner Schram to the Heartland Recreational Trail Committee to replace Karen Mulari (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-establishment of the appointment of Commissioner Bellefeuille to the White Earth Weed & Seed Committee (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
7. The first meeting of the White Earth Weed & Seed Committee will be held this afternoon in White Earth at the Reservation Tribal Council Building. Commissioner Schram will attend in place of Commissioner Bellefeuille.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with addition of four over 90 days claims; Nardini Fire Equipment for \$148.45 due to a billing issue; Jerry's Repair for \$59.24 due to incorrect contact information; Laird Stoll for \$287.65 due to size of claim; and five members of the EDA Board due to size of claims and past practice (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Natural Resource Management's requests to advertise for bids for the 2012 seedling production, to purchase bridge decking material for the repair of a snowmobile bridge, to accept both snowmobile grants for the Winter Wonderland and the Wolf Pack trails, and to splits tax forfeited parcels in Frazee and Audubon.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway's request to award the bid for bridge projects to Midwest Contracting.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology's request for the Capital Improvement purchase of VMWare View software upgrade for desktop virtualization in the amount of \$5,005 plus tax (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request to maintain Jim Ochs, dba Integrity Employee Benefits LLC as Becker County's Agent of Designation (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-2A splitting parcel E50.7001.100 unplatted Frazee City and splitting parcel E47.7003.000 Lots 1-6, Blk 004, OT of Audubon City (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve advertising for bids for the production of an estimated 160,000 tree seedlings for planting in the spring of 2012 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of 1080 board feet of bridge decking material to be used in the replacement of a snowmobile trail bridge from the low quote by Rod Weiss of Park Rapids for \$1,038.83 with tax (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to add the acceptance of snowmobile trail grant agreements to the agenda (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the snowmobile grants for the Winter Wonderland trail in the amount of \$97,142.60 and the Wolf Pack trail in the amount of \$12,949.80 (Schram, Knutson), carried.
6. An update was presented on the Heartland Trail and the North Country Trail.

Veteran Services

1. Lauri Brooke presented an update on the activities of the Veteran Services office.
2. It was moved and seconded to permit the Veteran Services Officer to apply for five grants on behalf of Becker County (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. Brian Berg thanked Lauri Brooke for her three years of service and for the projects she has completed on behalf of Becker County.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to add Resolution 09-09-2E, Bridge Bond Grant to the agenda (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-2C, Bid Award S.A.P. 03-612-04 & S.A.P. 03-613-09 to Midwest Contracting LLC in the amount of \$169,297 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-2E wherein Becker County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$151,366 from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for the construction of County Bridge No. 90773 & 90772 and CSAH 12 & CSAH 13 respectively, Project No. SAP 003-612-004 & SAP 003-613-009 and that any cost of the bridge in excess of the grant will be appropriated from the funds available to Becker County and that any grant monies appropriated for the bridge but not required, based on the final estimate, shall be returned to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
4. A construction update was given.

Commissioner Salminen left the meeting for an emergency and Commissioner Bellefeuille came to the Chair and presided over the meeting.

Census Bureau

1. Cindy Madigan, Partnership Specialist, and Beverly Motschenbacher, Partnership Assistant, of U.S. Census Bureau, gave a presentation on the Complete Count Committee to assist with promoting the importance of the upcoming 2010 census.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve support for publicizing the Complete Count Committee to promote the 2010 Census and designated Brian Berg as the main contact person in Becker County (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the revised MFIP Supported Work Plan budget due to an increase in allocations in the amount of \$20,736 (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Participation Agreement with United Behavioral Health for mental health targeted case management (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Services and Family Services Reports (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Schram, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Schram, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Schram, Nelson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Planning and Zoning

1. Planning Commission Recommendations, September 15, 2009: First Order of Business: Leo Ennen. The applicant formally withdrew his application.
2. Second Order of Business: Jacqueline Miller. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for a 9.8 acre tract to be subdivided into two tracts, 4.86 acres and 5.02 acres for the property located on Boot Lake, 535th Avenue in Two Inlets Township based on the fact that the survey meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
3. Third Order of Business: Dave and Melissa Opsahl. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit to have up to three (3) horses on property (13.86 ac) in an agricultural zone for the property located at 22546 N Pearl Lake Rd in

Lake Eunice Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding location (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

4. Fourth Order of Business: Neal and Jean Glawe. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to deny the conditional use permit to allow a salvage yard type business consisting of the recycling of scrap metal from vehicles for the property located at 15650 Heille Ridge Lane based on the fact that it is too close to the residential area, not compatible with the area and is detrimental to the surrounding area (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. Fifth Order of Business: Glen and Mary Follett. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the conditional use permit to construct a retaining wall twenty-one (21) feet from the ordinary high water mark of the lake (11 feet from the water's edge) for the property located at 48320 Old Saw Mill Rd, Bad Medicine Lake in Forest Township based on the fact that the building is in peril, the application is a good plan that meets the criteria of the ordinance and the plan uses common sense (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
6. Sixth Order of Business: Final Plat of the Woods on Lake Maud II. The applicant has requested to be placed on the October 2009 meeting.
7. Seventh Order of Business: Informational Meeting. The next Informational Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 8:00 am in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of the Main Courthouse.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the request by property owner, Linda Wiedewitsch to rescind Conditional Use Permit No. 517311 for the property located at 20297 – 309th Avenue, Section 9, Erie Township (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Labor Negotiations

1. It was moved and seconded to close the session for Labor Negotiations (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to open the session (Knutson, Schram), carried.

Human Resources, Employee Grievance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-09-2D closing the session to discuss the grievance filed by Teamsters Local No. 320 pursuant to the attorney-client privilege with the specific subjects to be discussed are the strength of the County's case, the cost of the proceeding, and the possible settlement of this action (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to open the session (Nelson, Schram), carried.

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