

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Bellefeuille. Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Nelson, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2010 (Schram, Salminen), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Duane Erickson and John Austinson, Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers, presented information regarding the Upper Becker Project Hearing to be held February 17, 2010 in Ada reference the WMD tax proposed to pay for the project. If approved, 1,000 acres will be removed from the Becker County tax roles; Riceville and Spring Creek townships oppose the project.
 - b) Willis Mattison, representing Becker County Citizens for Responsible Recreation, expressed his concern for the use of our forests in Becker County in regards to the current Recreational Plan process.

Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Environmental meeting; township recycling meeting will be held February 25th; looking at a new location for the potential site in the eastern part of the County; discussed the Perham incinerator project.
 - ii) Attended Human Services Committee; Nancy Nelson devoted time to education relating to acronyms used and programs; discussed savings with out of home placements since the signing of the agreement with White Earth; and the new testing program for drug use is working.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Noted that the out of home placement program in Becker County is a test program and other Counties are now looking for the same funding for their own programs.
 - ii) Attended the Detroit Lakes Transportation Plan Study meeting; the improvements are several years off; they are looking west on Highway 10 to make the corridor safer; considering moving the road around the airport for safety reasons; Commissioner Bellefeuille feels Detroit and Lake View Townships need to be consulted on moving the road around the airport.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended Human Services Committee; glad to have Commissioner Knutson on the Committee; reviewed the flow chart and acronyms.
 - ii) Attended the Airport meeting; discussed expansion and the routing west of Highway 59; the airport is busy with high volumes of planes; improving the airport will be an economic benefit to the area.
 - iii) Attended the Sheriff meeting; discussed the purchases to be brought to the Board today.
 - d) Commissioner Schram Reports:

- i) Attended the Winter Trails Committee meeting; discussed new trail groomers and the product demonstrations to be held in Grand Rapids; stolen signs on the Vergas trails; grants to be applied for; the possible re-routing of trails on the Reservation as access is in question; Mountain View trails were groomed by volunteer cross country skiers; and the snowmobile and ATV clubs volunteered time to help clean the snowmobile trails and they are open and ready to be used.
 - ii) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting; discussed the census and overtime.
 - iii) Attended the Historical Society meeting; discussed the open house to be held February 14th and completion of the cemetery reference files.
 - iv) Attended the Becker County Council on Aging; discussed loans and grants; openings in rest homes; volunteers needed at hospice; and the NSI fund raiser.
 - v) Attended the Highway Committee meeting; opened bids for maintenance and mowing; discussed seasonal employees; the proposal for consulting service; and the increased cost of road salt.
 - vi) Attended the Heartland Trails meeting; discussed the time lines on progress of the trail.
 - vii) The Wild Rice Watershed meetings are coming up in Ada.
 - viii) Met with snowmobilers frustrated with the trails and grants.
 - ix) Reminder that LMC Bay is in need of items to bid on and encouraged the Commissioners to enter an item.
2. Appointments:
- a) There were no appointments.

Auditor-Treasurer, Ryan Tangen presented.

- 1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1A to conduct gambling for the Detroit Lakes Shrine Club Color Guard for operations at County 6 BP & Bait, 24997 County Hwy #6, in Lake View Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes, Ryan Tangen presented.

- 1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of two over 90 days claims; Ace Hardware for \$40.01 and Charles Sherbrooke for \$302.50 and the Auditor's Warrants for 1/26/10 in the amount of \$1,054,083.08 and 2/2/10 in the amount of \$492,543.31 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
- 2. The Human Services claims were reviewed and it was recommended to approve as presented.
- 3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff's request to purchase four replacement chairs in the Dispatch Center.
- 4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Highway's request to approve the bids for seasonal mowing and road maintenance; a proposal to hire up to 6 temporary part-time seasonal employees; and the proposal for consulting service to prepare a project concept report.
- 5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Human Services' request to have an employee attend out of state training at no cost to the County other than time.
- 6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for December 2009 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Environmental Services, Steve Skoog presented.

- 1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1G the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority Joint Powers Agreement to join together with Otter Tail County, Todd County,

and Wadena County for the purpose of purchasing the Perham Resource Recovery Facility and to work together to resolve solid waste issues in an environmentally preferred manner (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Highway, Brad Wentz presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1D authorizing the County Engineer to award roadside mowing contracts in Area 1 through Area 6 to L & M Road Services, LLC and to execute and enter into said contracts (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1C authorizing the County Engineer to award the one year maintenance contracts for Area 1 to Dan Bergstrom, Area 2 to Teiken's Road Maintenance, Area 4 to Lunde Blade-N-Gravel, Area 5 to Teiken's Road Maintenance, Area 6 to Hendricks Road Maintenance, Area 7 & 8 to Projects Unlimited and to execute and enter into said contracts (Schram, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1E authorizing the County Engineer to advertise and hire up to 6 temporary seasonal employees with a maximum six month term for maintenance and for construction hired to fill in as needed to assist in summer road construction and maintenance duties include one auto body student from NWTC (Schram, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1F authorizing the County Engineer to contract for professional services with Houston Engineering, Inc. for a preliminary concept report to identify alternatives, environmental impacts and project costs for the replacement bridge on CSAH 7 in Lake Park over the BNSF (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Human Services, Nancy Nelson presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve acceptance of Cooperative Agreements for process serving with Ben Johnson and Kevin Niemann for serving papers for child support at a rate of \$30 for the service plus mileage (Schram, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the attendance of Don Janes, MCD Supervisor at a three and a half day (28 hours) mental health conference in Arizona with the time he attends the training counted as work time and he will be responsible for the cost of the training, the travel to and from the training and room and board and any other expenses (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff, Tim Gordon presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve replacement of 4 Communications chairs for a cost of \$3,173.53 (Salminen, Schram), carried.

Natural Resource Management, Mark Lohmeier presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-10-1B naming the Auditor-Treasurer the fiscal agent for the Trail Legacy Grant program (Schram, Knutson), carried.
2. An update report was given on the status of the 250 miles of snowmobile trails that Becker County maintains. 137 miles of the trails were severely affected by the recent storm; two companies were contracted to help clean up the trails along with volunteers and all the trails will be open this weekend.

County Recreational Plan, Brian Berg presented.

1. The minutes from the County Recreational Plan Committee meeting and the interest group meeting on January 19th were reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ John Bellefeuille
John Bellefeuille
Board Chair