

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: TUESDAY, June 4, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Okeson. Commissioners in attendance: Okeson, Grimsley, Nelson, Knutson, and Skarie; County Administrator, Michael Brethorst, and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes: Following Commissioners: Reports & Correspondence: Add: County Administrator: Number 1: Update on Minimum Security Jail; Following Highway: Add: Sheriff: Number 1: Amendment to State of MN ICWC Contract (Additional Payment of \$150,000); and then following: Add: Environmental Services: Number 1: Request for Approval of Waste Hauler's License Number 25 – Northern Pines Sanitation, LLC. (Grimsley, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019, with the requested changes. (Knutson, Grimsley), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one was present.
2. Reports and Correspondence: The Commissioners reported on the following meetings:
 - a. Commissioner Grimsley: Becker County Historical Society & Museum, Sunnyside, Transit Committee, and Finance Committee.
 - b. Commissioner Okeson: Highway Committee, meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes and residents relative to the West Lake Drive Project; Jail Construction Meeting with McGough (Final Reconciliation); Jail Diversion Committee (Yellow Line meeting), and Joint meeting with the City of Detroit Lakes regarding zoning issue within 2 mile radius of the City.
 - c. Commissioner Knutson: Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA), Natural Resources Management (NRM), and Environmental Affairs Committee.
 - d. Commissioner Nelson: Sunnyside, Highway Committee, and One-Watershed, One-Plan Policy Committee meeting.
 - e. Commissioner Skarie: Mahube-OTWA meeting.

3. Appointments: There were none; however, it was noted that there will be another appointment needed to the Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD) Board of Managers, to fulfill the remainder of a term set to expire on May 25, 2020, due to a resignation the end of June 2019.

County Administrator - Update on Sale of Minimum-Security Facility: County Administrator, Mike Brethorst, and Dave Neisen with The Real Estate Company presented:

1. As approved at the Board of Commissioner's meeting on May 21, 2019, Mike Brethorst reported that The Real Estate Company of Detroit Lakes will be under contract to advise the Board on the pending sale of and the associated processes required for the disposal of the Minimum Security Facility. The County Attorney's office is reviewing the contract and once that has been completed signatures will be obtained.

It was noted that Mr. Neisen has toured the facility and attended the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, June 3rd. He has recommended setting the price for the facility at \$689,999.99 and the Finance Committee agrees. Mr. Neisen also provided input and feedback to the Board relative to the sale of the facility and discussion was held.

It was moved and seconded to add to the agenda, the request to authorize the Finance Committee to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of the Minimum Security Facility if a valid offer is made. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Finance Committee to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of the Minimum Security Facility, for an amount that is within 10% of the appraised value (plus or minus), and to dispose of any excess equipment within the facility via a public auction site. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes: Auditor-Treasurer: Mary Hendrickson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants, and Additional Item, as presented:
 - a. Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
 - i. 05/21/2019 in the amount of \$ 421,964.48
 - ii. 05/24/2019 in the amount of \$ 7,627,200.00
 - iii. 05/29/2019 in the amount of \$ 21,451.76
for a total amount of \$ 8,070,616.24
 - b. Additional Item:
 - i. Reduce RD Offut Company invoice by \$10,965.00 for easements (pulled two parcels for signatures).
- (Grimsley, Skarie), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services claims for Human Services and Transit, as presented. (Grimsley, Knutson), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: Mary Hendrickson presented:

1. Licenses & Permits:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve the New Tobacco License for Dollar General, for operations at 10315 County Highway 5, Pelican Rapids, MN – Cormorant Township. (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Highway: Jim Olson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 06-19-1B, for Becker County to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Eleven MnDOT District 4 Counties of Becker, Big Stone, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Mahnomen, Pope, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Wilkin, for Project S.P. 088-070-056, a district wide federal highway safety project for striping on eligible highways; and that the proper County officers be and hereby are authorized to execute such agreement and any amendments, and thereby assume for and on behalf of the County all of the obligations contained therein. (Nelson, Skarie), carried. It was noted that Grant County is designated to be the lead agent for the program.
2. Jim Olson provided an update on road construction projects.

Sheriff: Shane Richard presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Amendment No. 2 to the State of MN contract, “Becker County - Swift ID 124776”, for housing State inmates participating in a vocational training program known as the Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) House Building Program, to increase the contract by \$150,000.00 bringing the total to \$570,000.00, with the contract to expire June 30, 2019. (Grimsley, Knutson), carried.

Land Use – Environmental Services: County Administrator, Mike Brethorst, presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Becker County Solid Waste Collection License #25 - Northern Pines Sanitation, LLC - effective June 4, 2019 to December 31, 2019. (Skarie, Knutson), carried.

Human Resources: Closed Session - Union Negotiations: Nancy Grabanski presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to Close the Session for Union Negotiations. (Knutson, Skarie), carried. Closed Session for Union Negotiations began at 9:30 a.m.

2. It was moved and seconded to Open back into Regular Session. (Skarie, Knutson), carried. Open Session began at 9:55 a.m.

/s/ Michael Brethorst
Michael Brethorst
County Administrator

/s/ John Okeson
John Okeson
Board Chair

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the commissioners; County Administrator, Mike Brethorst; Highway Engineer, Jim Olson; and other Highway staff met for a Public Works Building Work Session.