

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: TUESDAY, January 3, 2023, at 8:15 am  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Call the Board Business Meeting to Order: County Administrator Pat Oman

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Oath of Offices by District Court Judge Gretchen Thilmony
  - Erica Jepson – Commissioner District 1, David Meyer – Commissioner District 2
  - Mary Hendrickson – Auditor-Treasurer, Todd Glander – Sheriff, Brian McDonald – Attorney
  - Curtis Ballard – Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor-District 1, Eugene Pavelko – Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor-District 4

Election of Board Chair for 2023

1. Jepson nominates Nelson
2. Vareberg nominates Okeson
3. Motion and second to elect Barry Nelson Board Chair (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

New Board Chair calls for Nominations for Vice-Chair 2023

1. Jepson nominates Okeson
2. Motion and second to elect John Okeson Vice Chair (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

2023 Committee Assignments

1. Board Chair Nelson examines list
2. Motion and second to approve Committee Assignments (Jepson, Meyer) Carried.

Break

Regular Business

1. Agenda Confirmation – Motion and second to approve agenda as presented (Meyer, Jepson). carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and seconded to approve minutes of December 20, 2022, with the requested changes (Okeson, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum: Gerry Schram – Wild Rice District. Follow up to get voting back
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
  - Commissioner Nelson: Public Works Building, Lakeland Mental Health

- Commissioner Okeson: Union Negotiations, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA)
  - Commissioner Jepson: Request from Willis Mattison to discuss Hwy 34 (Isaac Walton and tribe) injunction to stop Hwy 34 DOT Project
3. Appointments:
- a. Assistant Veterans Service Officer – Heidi Harthun- Oath of Office.
  - b. Planning & Zoning Appointment – Nick Bowers District 3 by Okeson. Motion and second (Okeson, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Pat Oman

1. Report:
- Information for new commissioners. BCBS Grant, Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund and Opioid Grant.
  - Preliminary contract from ACH, bringing to the board on 01/17/23.
  - Economic Development Position. Review powers and possibly expand authority – Comp Economic Development Strategy.
  - ARPA funds will be reviewed at next board meeting. Allocated out about 2.4 million of the 6 million funding.
  - RFP – Class & Comp and Insurance
  - Wild Rice – Resolution for Board. Not sure if it goes to all other counties before Board or Board 1<sup>st</sup>. Waiting on clarification.
  - Class & Comp Study – Compensation study for employees. Develop a wage scale.

Finance Committee Minutes: presented by Mary Hendrickson

1. Regular Claims and Auditor Warrants:
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| 12/16/2022 in the amount of \$ | 7,350.00     |
| 12/21/2022 in the amount of \$ | 32,566.59    |
| 12/21/2022 in the amount of \$ | 33,019.73    |
| 12/30/2022 in the amount of \$ | 4,327,957.44 |
| Total of \$                    | 4,430,893.76 |

Motion and second to approve payment of regular claims, auditor warrants, and claims over 90 days (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Auditor – Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson

1. Licenses: None
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-23-1A – 2023 Publications Bid Option 1 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Human Services – Presented by Denise Warren.

1. Motion and second to approve Renewal Agreement DHS Children’s Mental Health Screening Grant Contract (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Claims – Human Services, Public Health, & Transit (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Assessor: presented by Lisa Will

1. Motion and second to approve Abatement of \$388.00 due to a house fire Parcel #13.0025.000 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Veterans Services: presented by Matt Erickson

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-23-1B –Accept Donation from Damien Society (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-23-1C – Annual Advertising for Highway Construction Projects (Okeson, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve DNR Amendment to Heartland Trail – Board Memo (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Motion and second to approve Commission Nelson on Weekly Public Works Building Committee until building is complete (Nelson, Okeson) carried.

Extended Open Forum to Willis Mattison, Isaac Walton League & landowner on Hwy 34. MnDOT abrupt change of policy on Hwy 34. Costs \$10,000 to enter into litigation with MnDOT, have raised \$6,000 in pledges already.

Willis Mattison – Renewal of confined animal moratorium. Continued cooperation with board and offer Isaac Welton League’s Assistance

Motion and second to approve new commissioners to attend AMC County Government 101 Event (Nelson, Okeson) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Pat Oman  
County Administrator

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Barry Nelson  
Board Chair

COMMITTEE LIST FOR 2023: By Commissioner	Commissioner 2023	MEETING TIMES
Association of MN Counties Indian Affairs Advisory Committee (AMC)	Okeson	On Call
AMC Environment & Natural Resoures Policy Committee	Nelson	On Call
AMC General Government Policy Committee	Vareberg	On Call
AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee	Jepson	On Call
AMC Public Safety Policy Committee	Meyer	On Call
AMC Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee	Okeson	On Call
Becker County Children's Initiative	Vareberg	Quarterly
Becker County Extension Service	Nelson/Jepson	Monthly
Becker County Fair Board	Vareberg/Meyer	Monthly
Becker County Soil & Water Conservation District	Nelson	Monthly
Courthouse Committee	Okeson/Nelson	Monthly
Detroit Lakes/Becker County Airport Committee	Okeson	Monthly
Development Achievement Center	Meyer	Monthly
Ditch Committee	Okeson	On Call
Economic Development/Housing Authority	Jepson/Vareberg	Monthly
Environmental Affairs Committee	Okeson/Vareberg	Monthly
Finance Committee - Chair	Nelson	Bi-Monthly
Finance Committee - Vice-Chair	Okeson	Bi-Monthly
Heartland Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail	Meyer/Okeson	On Call
Highway Committee	Okeson/Vareberg	Monthly
Becker County Historical Society	Meyer	Monthly
Human Services Committee	Jepson/Meyer	Monthly
Joint Powers Board of MN Counties	Nelson	Quarterly
Juvenile Detention Center (West Central Reg. Juv. Ctr. - WCRJC)	Jepson	Quarterly
Labor Negotiating Committee	Meyer/Okeson	On Call
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	Nelson	Every other Month
Lakeland Mental Health	Nelson	Monthly
Law Library Board of Trustees	Okeson	On Call
Mahube-OTWA	Jepson	Monthly
MCIT Board of Delegates	Meyer	On Call
Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition	Okeson	On Call
Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC)	Nelson	On Call
Natural Resources Committee	Vareberg/Nelson	Monthly
Partnership4Health Board	Meyer/Vareberg	On Call
Planning & Zoning (Ex. Office)	Jepson	Monthly
Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA)	Okeson/Vareberg	Monthly
Regional Radio Board (NW Reg. Emergency Communications Board)	Okeson/Jepson	Quarterly
Review Board (Band & Grade)	Vareberg/Nelson	On Call
Salary Review Board for Dept. Heads & Elected Officials	Nelson/Okeson	On Call
Safety Committee	Vareberg	Monthly
Sheriff's Committee	Meyer/Nelson	Monthly
Sunnyside	Nelson/Meyer	Every other Month
Transit Advisory Committee	Meyer/Okeson	Monthly
Watershed Districts Advisory Board: Buffalo/Red	Nelson	On Call
Watershed Districts Advisory Board: Cormorant	Nelson	On Call
Watershed Districts Advisory Board: Pelican	Okeson	On Call
Watershed Districts Advisory Board: Wild Rice	Nelson	On Call
West Central Initiative - Economic Development District (EDD) Board	Vareberg	Quarterly
West Central/Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging	Meyer	Quarterly
Zoning Ordinance Review Committee	Jepson/Nelson	On-Call
Wild Rice Watershed District - One Watershed One Policy Committee	Nelson	On-Call
Ottertail - One Watershed One Policy Committee	Okeson	On-Call
Benefits Committee	Nelson/Meyer	Quarterly
Crow Wing One Watershed One Policy Committee	Jepson	Quarterly
NACO Delegate	Okeson	Quarterly
<b>Any and all Board members may serve as alternate members, as needed.</b>		