

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, March 7, 2023, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Nelson. Commissioners in attendance: Nelson, Okeson, Vareberg, Jepson and Meyer, County Administrator Pat Oman, and minute taker Amanda Pachel.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Confirmation – Motion and second to approve agenda with addition Resolution 03-23-1F – Funding for Early Care & Development Foundation of Becker County to be added to ARPA Review B (Okeson, Meyer) carried.
4. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of February 21, 2023, with the requested changes (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Kasey Klemm – Concerns with Parcels 080025000 and 080203000 at Little Floyd Lake, Agape Schoolhouse. Multiple issues with the property.
 - Mark Demay – Concerns with property at Little Floyd Lake. House deteriorated, would like to see owner get help.
 - Al Lunde – Concerns with property at Little Floyd Lake. Known the owner for years and would like to see him get into a better place to live.
 - Eric Lunde – Concerns with property at Little Floyd Lake. Garbage and vehicles next to river, no running water, no septic. Owner needs a better place to live.
 - Scott Hilde – Lakes Area Patriots having a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 pm at the Interdenominational Christian Fellowship Church located on Meadow Drive off Island Drive. Local and State representatives speaking.
2. Brian Rubenstein from Probation: Moving Probation Office on the 3rd floor to the Felony Office across from Dental Associates at 1135 Washington Ave. Clients are getting confused as where to show up and majority of senior staff is located at 1135 Washington Ave. With board permission would like to relocate staff along with the two part time county support staff, freeing up space on the 3rd floor. Also, transition county employees to state employees with county bill back and bring office chairs and desks purchased with state funds to the Felony Office. Motion and second to acknowledge

transition for Becker County Probation employees to move to Felony Location (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-23-1F Funding for Early Care & Development Foundation (ECDF) of Becker County (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.
4. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, Extension, Natural Resources, 75th Anniversary for Soil & Water, Courthouse, Sunnyside.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Wannigan Park, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Mahube-OTWA, AMC Planning & Zoning Training, Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Historical Society via email, BeckerBay Fundraiser for Becker County Food Pantry, DAC Meeting.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental Services, Many phone calls concerned about 2nd Amendment.
5. Appointments:
 - None

County Administrator: presented by Pat Oman.

1. Report: BeckerBay Auction, Employee Recognition after Board Meeting, EDA Specialist interviews next week, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Leadership Training, Community Comprehensive Plan RFP. Commissioner Jepson had a question about moratorium on feed lots discussed at previous board meeting.
2. ARPA Review: Highway Department projects- Motion and second to approve the following Highway Department projects with low quotes: purchasing shop tables up to \$8,000 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried. Motion and second to approve purchase of floor scrubber from Cushman Motor Company for \$44,395 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried. Motion and second to approve appliance purchase from D&D Appliance for \$9,389 (Okeson, Vareberg). Motion and second to approve video monitor system from Arvig for \$13,575 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried. Motion and second to approve purchase of trees and shrubs from Soil and Water for \$14,869.56 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve funding of \$500 for University of Minnesota Extension Leadership Training (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 02/22/2023

- Richard and Dana Laine request amendment to remove all stipulations from conditional use permit recorded document # 680083 to allow for an expansion for a total of 24 RV sites and 21 mooring spaces. Recommendation was to approve all 24 sites and to remove all stipulations except stipulation #5 and #6 with finding. Stipulation 5 and 6 are 5' to 6' trees and 15' intervals and the L-shaped fence. Commissioners received all letters of correspondence. Those present and speaking in opposition of the application: Deb Nerud- No parking signs not put up, looks good now because of stipulations, questioned if he has gone thru DNR and approved taking out more shoreline, was the 2nd driveway approved. Clark Lee (via phone) applicants didn't present drawing of project that accurately portrays anything with the exception of the placement of the 24 RVs, dock placement is wrong, dock legend is wrong, incorrect well placement. Yvonne Kangas (via phone) against expansion, safety concern on road and land on lakeside, in favor of keeping stipulations in place. Roger Ball thinks this has worked out, landowner got what he wanted, and it doesn't need to be bigger, now commercial property. Rick Lee where is he putting the additional campers, concerned if they get closer to the road. Al Champain is concerned with traffic, impact on lake. Those present and speaking in favor of the application: Doug LaSage nice addition to the lake, in 18 years 22 crashes mostly with deer, 5-mile walk/run on 4th of July weekend, concerns without facts. Gail White the Laine's are promoting tourism, feels personal attacks are unnecessary, road isn't as dangerous as it is portrayed. James Yliniemi looked at the property and Rick has complied with stipulations and gone above and beyond to make a nice RV park. Richard Laine reason to have stipulations removed is because they have no bearing on the lake, traffic, or area. Park is isolated, 1200 feet of shoreline. If they are allowed to expand would be expanded over the next few years, only 5 or 6 units this year. Docking concerns, DNR couldn't come out until late August. No parking signs weren't necessary because they didn't have any docking last year. Motion and second to follow the Planning Commission recommendation of 24 sites, 21 slips, removing stipulations except 5 & 6 with the discretion of owner to put in 2nd approach by moving #16 site to 2nd or 3rd tier (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
- Deanna Noel requesting a change of zone from agricultural to residential for Tract B. Motion and second to concur with Planning Commission recommendation (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-23-1D – Personnel Request – Jail Secretary (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-23-1E – Support for ARMER Funding HF1075/SF1576 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Finance Committee: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Regular Claims and Auditor Warrants and Over 90 Days:

02/20/2023 in the amount of	\$ 28,767.49	Cost Effective
02/22/2023 in the amount of	\$ 1,083,134.43	
02/28/2023 in the amount of	\$ 58,686.46	
Total of	\$1,170,588.38	

Over 90 days:

BC Sheriff Dept. Services dated 06/2022 in the amount of \$420.00, invoice just turned in. DL Animal Hospital dated 10/28/2022 in the amount of \$144.44, missing invoice. MN DOC dated 07/07/2022 in the amount of \$38,813.74, invoice just received. Moore Engineering dated 11/22/2022 in the amount of \$10,857.50, invoice just received. Satellite Tracking dated 09/10/11/2022 in the amount of \$510.00, invoice just received. Webber Family Motors dated 09/30/2022 in the amount of \$912.12, invoice just received.

Total \$51,657.36

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

Motion and second to approve Claims Human Services, Public Health & Transit (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Motion and second to approve the MN Landfill Coalition Participation Agreement for a study by Barr Engineering, Minneapolis for a cost up to \$4,000 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Licenses:

- Motion and second to approve 3.2 On/Off Sale Renewal County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lakeview Twp (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
- Motion and second to 3.2 On/Off-Sale Renewal – Whaley’s Resort & Campground – Nathan Lauwagie – Round Lake Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Off Sale Renewal – Richwood Off Sale – John Johnson – Richwood Twp – Lakes Corners Liquors – Aaron Aslesen – Erie Twp (Okeson, Meyer) carried.

