

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, October 3, 2023, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

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 Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of September 19, 2023, with the requested changes (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA, Mahube-OTWA, Extension, Benefits.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Courthouse, Fair Board, Transit, DAC, Sunnyside.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Sunnyside, Courthouse, NRM, Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Lakeland Mental Health, Benefits, Finance.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Transit, Airport, Finance, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Environmental, EDA.
3. Appointments:
 - Lakes County Service Cooperative – Bring back at next board meeting.

County Administrator: presented by Pat Oman.

1. Report
 - AMC Conference – December 4-6.
 - District 4 Meeting – Friday, October 20 from 8-12.
 - Annual Township Association Meeting – October 19.
 - County Veterans Service Office modification update.

- Community Based Comprehensive Plan meetings next week.
 - CHIPs contracts expire at the end of the year.
 - Wannigan Park Grant request.
 - Capital Improvement Plan – Review at next board meeting.
2. Classification and Compensation Study by David Drown Associates – moved to the end of the meeting if needed.
 3. Motion and second to accept the County Assessor’s Resignation (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
 4. Budget 2024 Update.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Tobacco License Renewals for: The Cormorant Store-Lars Odegaard-Cormorant Twp, Dollar General-DG Retail, LLC-Cormorant Twp, Richwood Store-Kerry Swiers-Richwood Twp, Lakes Corner Liquors-Aaron Aslesen-Erie Twp, Lake Park C-Store-Lakes Community Co-op-Lake Park Twp, 4 Corners Convenience Store-Josh Swangler-Erie Twp, Seven Sisters Spirits-Debra Nelson-Lake View Twp, Wildflower Gold Course-Beth Schupp-Lake Eunice Twp, and Chief Corner Store-Patricia Moran-Pine Point Twp (Okeson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to accept the July 2023 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, and Investment Summary (Okeson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-23-1D-Capital Expense Request for Election Poll Books in the amount of \$75,000 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Motion and second accept the recommendation by the broker and benefits committee to go with Medica as our 2024 Health Insurance (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Wellness Fair for Employees on October 18, 2023.
3. Update on Wellness Room.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-23-1A – Capital Purchase Request – 2025 Mack Tandem Plow Truck in the amount of \$330,278 which is a 2024 budgeted item (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-23-1B – Final Payment Acceptance of Project SAP 000-592-001 Highland Drive to Sellin Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$57,307.95 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve support for Resolution 10-23-1E – MnDOT LRIP Grant Request from Sugar Bush Township (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
4. Motion and second to set the Road Tour Date for Monday, October 30, 2023, at 8:30 am (Meyer, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Nicolas & Betsy Lewis – Conditional Use Permit for a Retaining Wall – Tabled.
2. Linda Harris – Change of Zone from Residential to Agricultural.
 - Jeff Reznecheck-concerned with upkeep of water quality. How many goats will there be and how will they be cared for.
 - Motion and second to table application by Linda Harris – Change of Zone from Residential to Agricultural until next board meeting (Okeson, Jepson) carried.
3. Cale Arneson – Preliminary Plat for ten (10) Lots
 - Maverick Larson with Compass Consultants – 10 lots over 24 acres.
 - Kacey Leitheiser – Treasurer for Holmesville Township – residents are not in favor of more traffic on the road, don't think the property can handle 10 more properties.
 - Mike Carey – Concerned with traffic on the dead end road.
 - Motion and second to approve application from Cale Arneson – Preliminary Plat for ten (10) lots (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to add acceptance of tram donations to agenda (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-23-1C – Solid Waste Assessment Fee Schedule and a point factor of \$12 per point (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
2. County Hunting Cabin Lease Policy Discussion.
3. Motion and second to accept Tram Donations (Okeson, Meyer) carried.

Classification and Compensation Study Discussion with Mark Goldberg from David Drown Associates (DDA).

Motion and second to close the meeting at 11:26 am pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 subd. 1(b) based on Labor Negotiation Strategy (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Motion and second to come out of closed session at 11:43 am (Meyer, Okeson) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.

/s/

Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/

Barry Nelson
Board Chair