

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, January 16, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Okeson. Commissioners in attendance: Okeson, Meyer, Vareberg, Jepson and Nelson, County Administrator Pat Oman, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda with the deletion of Auditor-Treasurer License List due to no applications and move the Classification and Compensation Study discussion to 10:00 am (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of January 2, 2024, with the requested changes (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of December 22, 2023, Special Meeting (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Brian McDonald – Introducing Josh Haugen, our new Law Library Attorney.
 - Brian Ahlsten – Concerned how Pat Oman was treated during the January 2 board meeting.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA Housing Sub Committee.
 - Commissioner Meyer – RAC, Human Services, Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sheriff, MRC, Extension, Fair Board email.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Highway, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Sheriff, Highway, Environmental, NW Regional Communication Board.
3. Appointments:
 - EDA Appointments are current and were reappointed in 2023.

- Motion and second to reappoint Duane Erickson to the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the 2024 Commissioner Committee List with changes (Varberg, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Pat Oman.

1. Report.
 - Employee Exit report. Will update quarterly.
 - Capital Improvement Plan – completed preliminary plan.
2. Becker County Museum Annual Report 2023.
3. Legislative Platform update.
 - MURL Opportunity through EDA.
 - Sales Tax Reimbursement from the Highway Building.
4. National Center for Public Lands Counties.
 - PLC Assessment fees of \$1,672 out of the LATCF.
5. CornerStone Community & Youth Center update by Karen Pifher and Mackenzie Hamm with a request of \$50,000 from Becker County. The Board will review if they are able to provide funding.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein and Erin Rundle.

1. MN DOC – Supervision with Juvenile Clientele Update.
 - Working Alliance Survey – Positive results.
 - Working with the juvenile clients to try to keep them out of juvenile detention.
 - Child Protection Budget saving of over \$80,000 for 2023.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase request to Install Lights on the Airboat up to \$6,873.08 from Code 4 (Nelson, Okeson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the purchase of Two Portable Radios thru Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$12,445.92 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to enter into an agreement with Accurate Controls – 3-year Silver Plan in the amount of \$91,013.83 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-24-2B – Apply for a K9 Grant in the amount of \$7,500 with a \$2,500 match from the county which we have received thru donations (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
5. PREA Audit information yearly by Statute.

6. MN POST Board Audit – passed the Peace Officer Stand Training.
7. Ceremonial Oath – Deputy Eugene Clark.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to award the 2024 Tree Seedling Bid to PRT USA Inc. in the amount of \$27,400 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-24-2A – Deed Restriction – Dutton Locks (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the purchase and installation of hard plastic trailer wall liners for the 4 new Walking Floor Trailers from Horn Plastics in the amount of \$33,683.52 (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a Used Walking Floor Trailer from BMT in the amount of \$29,000 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-24-2C – Support of Active Transportation Infrastructure Program (AT) Grant Application in the amount of \$500,000 for sidewalk and ADA Improvements along CSAH 7 & CSAH 80 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-24-2D – Support of Active Transportation Infrastructure Program (AT) Grant Application by the City of Frazee (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the purchase request of a Bush Hog/Forestry Head for a Skid Steer from US Equipment Sales and RDO Equipment for a total amount of \$43,291 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
4. Motion and second to purchase Base One Stabilizer Product from Team Laboratory Chemical in the amount of \$95,631.25 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a ½ ton 4x4 Crew or Extend Cab Pickup not to exceed \$50,000 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve the Disposal of a 2014 3 pt. Snowblower thru an Online Auction at the discretion of the Highway Department (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Community Based Comprehensive Plan Update.

Classification and Compensation Plan Update: presented by Tessia Melvin with DDA.

1. 20 Grade Grid and Position Classification Recommendation.

2. Appeals Process Explanation.
3. Motion and second to approve the proposed 20 Grade Grid with updated step percentages and Position Classifications as presented (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am.

/s/

Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/

John Okeson
Board Chair