

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, February 20, 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, Interim County Administrator Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of February 6, 2024, with the requested changes (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
3. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of February 8, 2024, with the requested changes (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Joe Stenger – In support of Pat Oman.
 - Brian Ahlsten
 - Thank you for the support in the opposition of the redesigned Minnesota State Flag.
 - North Star Act – Not in favor, consider a resolution opposing.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Meyer – Lakes County Service CO-OP, Union Negotiations, RAC, Courthouse, Finance.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Housing Subcommittee, Opioid Advisory Committee, EDA, Human Services.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Partnership 4 Health, Becker Bay Auction.
 - Commissioner Vareberg - Human Services, EDA.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Union Negotiations, NACo Legislative Conference, Finance.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.

- Union Negotiations have started.
- Will be attending the Legislative Conference starting today.
- Becker Bay Auction next month.
- IT Department On Call Policy – will bring back at a later date.

2. Executive Search for Assistant County Attorney Positions.

- Motion and second to approve DDA Proposal in the amount of \$12,000 which is covered by the County Attorney's budget (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

3. Classification and Compensation Study – Tessia Melvin.

- Discussion of the Options brought to the Finance Committee.
- Motion and second to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to implement Option 2 with implementation of the 1st pay period after April 1st (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

4. University of Minnesota Extension – Presented by Cecilia Amadou and Elliot Lawrence.

- Update of 4-H Impact in Becker County.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. License List.

- Motion and second to approve On-Sale w/Sundays - Renewal – Hotel Shoreham – Cole Hanson – Lakeview Twp (Okeson, Jepson) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Off-Sale – Renewal – Lakes Corner Liquors – Aaron Aslesen – Erie Twp (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Club On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Green Valley Golf Course – Mike Levin – Cormorant Twp and Frazee Golf Course – Dan Kaldahl – Burlington Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve 3.2 On/Off-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Cedar Crest Resort – Brian Schneck – Maple Grove Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Wine and Strong Beer On Sale – Renewal – Cedar Crest Resort – Brian Schneck – Maple Grove Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve On-Sale w/Sundays – New – Osage Bait & Tackle – Peggy Branstrom – Osage Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve 3.2 Off-Sale – New – Osage Bait & Tackle – Peggy Branstrom – Osage Twp (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Club On-Sale – Renewal – Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club – Lorry Zaeske – Cormorant Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

- Motion and second to approve Temporary 1-4 Day On-Sale Liquor License – Detroit Mountain Recreation Area – Tom Thiel – March 2, 2024 – Erie Twp – (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Memo to Board to Set Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Canvass Date.
 - Motion and second to set the PNP Canvass Date for March 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to review and certify the election results with Courthouse Committee Commissioners to attend and the option of an alternate commissioner to attend if needed (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Shane Richard.

1. Motion and second to approve the Space Needs Feasibility Study Proposal by Klein McCarthy in the amount of \$5,500 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-24-2A – Public Land Survey System Grant Request – in the amount of \$300,000 to include up to an additional \$50,000 from the County Resource Development Fund (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding with Pelican River Watershed and Cormorant Watershed for Permitting.
2. Comprehensive Plan Update.
 - Workshop on Thursday - Commissioners from 10-12 and Focus Groups from 1-3.

Public Hearing – Minn. Stat. 375A.06 Subdivision 1 – Public Hearing on Written Charges Forming the Basis for Termination of the County Administrator.

1. Scott Whitty – Attorney for Pat Oman – Pat Oman will address the written charges he received from Ann Goering who is retained by the county. He does reserve the right to reopen this hearing on production of the document Commissioner Nelson received from Ms. Goering’s office prior to the February 6, 2024 Public Meeting. He has requested the document but has not received it to date.
2. Pat Oman – Response to Written Charges forming the Basis for Termination.
3. Ann Goering – Attorney for Becker County – need a motion to close the public hearing and then a motion to terminate.
4. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Consider Termination of the County Administrator.

1. Motion and second to terminate County Administrator Pat Oman (Nelson, Jepson).
 - Roll Call vote by Commissioner Okeson: Nelson-In Favor, Jepson-In Favor, Meyer-In Favor, Okeson-Opposed, Vareberg-Opposed.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	John Okeson
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	Interim County Administrator		Board Chair