

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, March 5, 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 with the removal of the Coroner Appointment (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of February 20, 2024, with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Comprehensive Plan, Mahube, Extension.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Fair Board, Transit, Historical Society, Comprehensive Plan, DAC, Sheriff, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, Courthouse, Joint Powers, NRM.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Fair Board, Transit, Environmental, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste, Pelican River Watershed.
3. Appointments
 - Motion and second to reappoint Kohl Skalin to the Planning Commission from District 4 (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to reappoint Craig Hall to the Board of Adjustments as a Member at Large (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.

Public Hearing – New Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Swanies Pub in Cormorant Township.

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
 - Brad Olek – Owner of Swanies.
 - Jeff Mortenson – Appreciate very much what the owner has been doing with the campground. Concerned with late night hours.
 - Lori Olson – Concerned with the atmosphere on the lake.
2. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the New Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Swanies Pub in Cormorant Township (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Attended the AMC Legislative Conference.
 - Meeting regarding Pelican River and Cormorant Watershed Districts.
 - Union Negotiations are in process.
 - Coroner appointment is on hold.
 - Executive Search for the Attorney's office to begin soon.
2. On-Call Policy
 - Motion and second to approve an On-Call Policy for the IT Department (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Update Out of State Travel Per Diem.
 - Motion and second to update Out of State Travel Per Diem to match In State Meal Reimbursement (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
4. Employee Recognition – March 22 at 9:00 am. Location to be determined.
5. Resolution 03-24-1C – Becker County Opposition to Transferring State Owned Tax Forfeit Lands within The White Earth Forest to The White Earth Band of The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.
 - Hearing in St. Paul on Thursday, March 7.
 - Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1C - Becker County Opposition to Transferring State Owned Tax Forfeit Lands within The White Earth Forest to The White Earth Band of The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and to authorize the Board Chair to modify as needed (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.
 - Motion and second to authorize the Finance Committee and Board Chair to sign an agreement up to \$15,000 with a lobbyist group to keep us informed and lobby against the transfer of land (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
6. Executive Search to fill County Administrator Position.

- Motion and second to contract DDA to perform an Executive Search up to \$24,000 (Okeson, Meyer) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. License List.

- Motion and second to approve Combination On/Off Sale w/Sundays – New – Swanies Pub – Bradley Olek – Cormorant Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Combination On/Off Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Ice cracking Lodge – Tanya Parsons – Round Lake Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Forest Hills Golf & RV Resort – Robert Spizzo – Audubon Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve 3.2 On/Off-Sale – Renewal – The Hideaway Resort – Allen Chirpich – Shell Lake Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Off-Sale – Renewal – Cormorant Bottle Shop – Rod Einerson – Cormorant Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Becker Soil & Water Conservation District: presented by Karl Koenig.

1. Resolution 03-24-1A – Watercraft Inspector Compensation – motion and second to approve 2024 Watercraft Inspector rates (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the 2024 MN DNR Delegation Agreement – Watercraft Inspectors (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of SIEM Tool Consulting for a 3 year contract totaling \$53,440.74 and to purchase MFA for on Site WIFI in the amount of \$5,629.95 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 3 Squad Car totaling \$140,918.82 which is in budget (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1D – Lakes Area Special Weapons and Tactical Team SWAT Mutual Aid Agreement (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1E – MN DOC Comprehensive Plan for Becker County (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Transit: presented by Kevin Johnson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1G – Becker County Transit Procurement Policy (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1F – Personnel Request – Two Part-Time Transit Bus Drivers (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-1B – Green Corps Worker Grant (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Comprehensive Plan Update.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.

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