

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, June 4, 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 addition of Future Forest Site Prep, and Toad Mountain Request to Solicit Bids under Land Use/Environmental Services (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of May 21, 2024, with the requested changes (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve and accept the Consent Agenda (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Allen Lysdahl – Representation in Minnesota. One County, One Senator.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, NRM, Joint Powers, Sunnyside.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Sunnyside, DAC.
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA Workshop, Crow Wing One Watershed One Plan, Cornerstone.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Environmental, Planning & Zoning, Negotiations, PLMSW.
 - District Meeting on Friday.
3. Appointments
 - Buffalo-Red River Watershed District – John Hanson’s position will expire on August 31, 2024. Will post on the website and bring back in July.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report
 - Begin preliminary timelines for budgets.

- County Assessor interviews this week.
 - Recommendation from the County Engineer to move forward with the lease agreement for the Utility Lease Easement on the NE corner of our building.
2. Motion and second to approve the 3-year AFSCME Contract (Meyer, Okeson).

Assessor: presented by Nancy Gunderson.

1. Motion and second to approve the Abatements in the amount of \$124,184 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog and Mitch Lundeen.

1. Motion and second to approve flexibility for Timber Permit #22-19a due to special circumstances (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to start soliciting bids/quotes for the Toad Mountain Project Master Plan not to exceed \$75,000 paid from Fund 15 (Parks & Rec) (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve 2024 Site Prep Bid on 63 acres to Future Forest Inc. up to \$17,880 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 06-24-1C – Gravel Crushing award to Central Specialties, Inc. of Alexandria, MN in the amount of \$137,500 (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 05/29/2024.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Sheyenne Commercial Condos LLC – Request a Final Plat for sixty-nine (69) units to be known as Elite Storage Condos (Jepson, Okeson).
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Wright Investments LLC – Request a Preliminary Plat for three (3) lots to be known as Dakota Woods Condominium Association, Inc. (Okeson, Nelson) carried.
2. Forest Township Zoning Ordinance Discussion. Show of support for Township Ordinances. County will refer applicants to their Township for their permit.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
Interim County Administrator

/s/ John Okeson
John Okeson
Board Chair