

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, July 2, 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 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 WE Fest Conditional Use Permit from Planning & Zoning (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of June 18, 2024, with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of June 18, 2024 - County Board of Equalization (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items – Auditor-Treasurer Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 07-24-1A – Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club Pull Tabs at Soo Pass Ranch August 1-3, 2024 in Lakeview Twp, Resolution 07-24-1C – DL Youth Hockey for Gambling at Soo Pass Ranch July 30-August 3, 2024 in Lakeview Twp, Resolution 07-24-1B – Repurchase Parcel 01.0097.0000, Claims – Human Service, Public Health and Transit, and Parks & Rec – Lake Access Maintenance JPA and remove the Environmental Services Purchase Request of a Skid Steer to be discussed individually (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, NRM, Sheriff, Courthouse, LARL.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Mahube, Cornerstone, EDA, Extension.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Extension, DAC, Fair Board, Transit, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Fair Board, Transit, Pelican River Watershed District, Highway, Negotiations, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, EDA, Highway, Environmental.

3. Appointments

- Becker County Assessor – Lee Brekke. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-1D – Appointment of Becker County Assessor (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

4. Motion and second to approve the Wannigan Regional Letter of Support Phase 1 Development (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report

- Joint Governance Meeting on July 9th at 7:00 am.
- Motion and second to Re-ratify Ordinances 21 & 22 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
- Transfer Station/MRF Building Tour.
- 1:00 pm meeting at White Earth today.
- Administrator's office is getting a facelift. Utilizing the Reuse Store and maintenance staff.
- Completed Mediation.
- Interviews for HHW and PT custodian are next week.
- HR Director position will be advertised shortly.
- Career ladder recommendations coming along.
- IT On-Call update – they have received a handful of calls.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-1E – Policy for Speed Sign Requests with the addition to the policy the County reserves the right to deny any and all requests (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 2 Speed Signs from Mid American Signal in the amount of \$9,900, the cost to be split with the Sheriff's Department (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-1F – Washington Avenue Railroad Crossing Upgrade Agreement with the co-pay cost of 50% of new concrete and addition costs of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to come from State Aid Funds (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-1G – Soo Pass Bridge Maintenance Repairs-Mn/DOT Agreement not to exceed \$12,000 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
5. 2023 Annual Report Discussion.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a CAT Model 232D3 Skid Steer from RDO in the amount of \$54,449.10 (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander and Shane Richard.

1. Motion and second to approve WE Fest Temporary Hires (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve MN DOC-Work Release Contract Amendment #4 in the amount up to \$125,000 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-1H – Personnel Request – FT Jail Secretary (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve ARMER Equipment Grant Program Application (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Joint Powers Agreement 156616 Amendment #5 (Meyr, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Greater Than Gold Investment LLC – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Computer Business (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Whiskey Creek Properties LLC – Request a Conditional Use Permit to Construct a Retaining Wall (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Becker County and The Pelican River and Cormorant Lakes Watershed Districts (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Motion and second to go into Closed Session at 10:08 am pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) for Labor Negotiations (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Motion and second to come out of closed session at 11:03 am (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 9:43 am.

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