

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, July 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 Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of July 2, 2024, with the requested changes (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items – Auditor-Treasurer - Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 07-24-2A – Request release from State Auditor, Auditor-Treasurer Public Utility Easement 50.0035.000, Human Services - Claims, Public Health & Transit, Human Services Contract – DHS FGDM Grant Amendment/Extension and County Attorney – Approve additional funds not to exceed \$3000 for Summer Intern due to continued vacancy (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Bret Healy Consultant with Four Directions on behalf of White Earth – requesting staffed voting location at the Tribal Office on the same days/times as the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.
 - Clark Lee – Against Toad Mountain Land Purchase. Moving too fast.
 - Doug LaSage - Against Toad Mountain Land Purchase. What are the community needs.
 - Roger Meunier – Business Agent for Teamsters 320. Met last night, moved to ratify all 3 contracts.
 - Kelcey Klemm – Detroit Lakes City Administrator – Financing for new airport hangars. Interest rates are higher than expected. Consider doing internal financing. Will discuss tomorrow at Airport Committee.
 - Rick Anderson – Against Toad Mountain Land Purchase.

2. Becker County Drug/Veterans Treatment Court Update– presented by Kristal Kadrie and Judge Gretchen Thilmony.
 - Requesting \$15,000 continued support.
3. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Tribal Meeting.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, Toad Lake Township.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Historical Society, RAC, Partnership for Health, Joint Governance Meeting.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Joint Powers Meeting, NACo, NW Regional Communications Board.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services.
4. Appointments
 - Motion and second to appoint Todd Andresen to the Buffalo Red River Watershed District (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
 - Motion and second to appoint Greg Meyer to the Board of Adjustments (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report
 - Safety Committee Update.
 - Attorney request for picnic tables for the north side of the courthouse. Utilizing the Reuse Store for picnic tables.
 - Attending MACA Day in Duluth Thursday and Friday.
 - Transition of Assessor. Nancy will hopefully be done by the end of the week.
 - HR Director interviews at the end of the month.
2. Extension MOA Contract – presented by Cecilia Amadou
 - Motion and second to approve contract and budget (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Lobbyist Contract for Consideration.
 - Commit to half of the contract price and ask other counties to join.
4. Teamsters Union – Tentative Agreements/Contracts.
 - Motion and second to approve Teamsters 320 Human Services 3 Year Contract with clarification that insurance money for part time employees must be utilized for county insurance (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
 - Motion and second to approve Teamsters 320 Courthouse 3 Year Contract with clarification that insurance money for part time employees must be utilized for county insurance (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

- Motion and second to approve Teamsters 320 Sheriff's Clerical 3 Year Contract with clarification that money for part time employees to use for insurance must utilize county insurance (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
5. LELS Deputies – Tentative Agreement/Contract.
- Motion and second to approve the LELS Deputies 3 Year Contract (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-2B – Tax Forfeit Class Action Lawsuit (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-24-2C – Personnel Request to combine an Auditor-Treasurer Part-Time Clerk 1 and a Human Services Part-Time Clerk 2 position to one Full-Time Clerk 1 position (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the WE Fest Agreement (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Seal Coating the Jail Parking Lot in the amount of \$5,700 using the Highway Department plus the cost of re-striping using budgeted funds (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Motion and second to approve the WE Fest Annual Conditional Use Permit with the stipulation of approval of contracts from Highway, MN State Patrol & DOT, Sheriff, and Detroit Lakes Fire Department and including water testing in accordance with the State (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog and Mitch Lundeen.

1. NRM/Parks & Rec – Toad Mountain Master Plan Proposal Discussion.
 - Motion and second to table pending outcome of public meeting (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ John Okeson
John Okeson
Board Chair