

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2003 as presented (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator's signature on the Snowmobile Grant FY 04 Grant-in-Aid Agreement with the State of Minnesota for \$65,000 (Engebretson, Seaberg), carried.
2. Chip made reference to an unauthorized removal of gravel from a Tax-Forfeit pit. There was discussion on determination if this was intentional or casual trespass and the fines that will follow. It was suggested that this be addressed at the committee level.

Finance

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with exceptions (Engebretson, Bristlin), carried.
2. Capital Purchases.
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve the request from the Auditor/Motor Vehicle Offices of (2) computers, (3) monitors, and additional memory. Total amount of the request is \$1,700 for the Auditor's Office and \$2,200.20 for Motor Vehicle (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to approve the request from the Assessor's Office to purchase the software in the amount of \$10,000 to complete the process and tie it to the GIS System so Crop Equivalency Ratings can be done (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for (2) people from IT to attend training put on by the City of Moorhead, the class is free but supplies needed will cost \$700. On-line training is approved for (1) at \$950 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
 - d. Other Purchases: It was moved and seconded to approve the low bid from Stelter's Painting to remodel the lower level and repair the lobby on the second floor (Salminen, Bristlin), carried. Commissioner Bristlin gave credit to the County Administrator and Danny Johnson for working for the best price for the project.
3. It was moved and seconded to proceed with collection for Receivables from Multi-County Nursing Service (Bristlin, Salminen), carried. Commissioner Engebretson voting nay. Added to the minutes by Commissioner Engebretson was a statement "We will not forgive any debts from any other department."

4. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the addition of the Public Safety Fund, consisting of Sheriff, Boat & Water, Jail, STS, Probation, Coroner and Emergency Management (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sunnyside Water Line Expenditures and Construction Costs (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. The Investment and Cash Balance Summary was reviewed.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Payroll Sub-Committee and the Labor Management Committee to pass Resolution No. 10-03-2B, to proceed with the Bi-Weekly Payroll System for Becker County Employees (Engbretson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the DNR Lease at Smoky Hills for 2-years in the amount of \$200 (Engbretson, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve a Gambling Permit resubmission from the 10/14/03 Board Meeting. Wolf Lake VFW Post 8165 for operations on Big Toad Lake, Toad Lake Twp. on January 17, 2004 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Tobacco License Renewals (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Kathleen M. Sherbrooke, Cormorant Store, Cormorant Twp.; Joy McNamara, County 17 Club, Lake View Twp.; Lance P. Highman, Northern Inn, Toad Lake Twp.; Christine M. Longfors, Osage Bait & Tackle, Osage Twp.; Gary D. Hesteness, Otis, Inc., Cormorant Bottle Shop, Cormorant Twp.; Bill D. Christlieb, Osage County Market, Osage Twp.; John "Pete" Johnson, Richwood General Store, Richwood Twp.; Patricia J. Maloney, The Cormorant Pub, Cormorant Twp.; Laura L. Larson, Express Foods, Carsonville Twp.; Wayne M. Crawford, Sunlite Bar & Grill, Detroit Twp.; Richard B. Sherbrooke, Lake Center Store, Lake Eunice Twp.; David C. Howard, DeRoxe Club, Lake Eunice Twp.; Marvin E. Erdmann, The Boondocks, H.O.L Twp.; Steven & Tammy Quade, Toad Lake Store, Toad Lake Twp.; Cynthia L. Knoll, Tommy's Bar, Detroit Twp.; Timothy J. Eischens, Two Inlets Country Store, Two Inlets Twp.; Joleen B. Kruger, K's Korner Café, Osage Twp.; Matthew L. Anderson, Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Cormorant Twp.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to adopt a change in the Abatement Policy under IX. ABATEMENT, C. All other applications for abatements may be considered by the County Board, if upon review by the assessor, and error caused a property to be valued in excess of its market value (Engbretson, Salminen), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

2003 Tax Payable

Parcel #	Twn/Cty	Amount	Reason
08.0117.000	Detroit	\$ 290	Homestead
09.9020.000	Eagle View	634	Exempt
12.0249.508	Forest	1,670	Destroyed
21.0231.001	Osage	320	Added
49.2524.206	Detroit Lakes	+ 46	Error
49.2524.304	Detroit Lakes	762	Error

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Salminen, Engebretson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 10-03-2A, Bridge Bond Grant, Project SAP03-614-16, Bridge 03J26, affirming that any cost of the bridge in excess of the grant will be appropriated from the funds available to Becker County and that any grant monies appropriated for the bridge but not required, based on the final estimate, shall be returned to the MN State Transportation Fund (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
3. Two-Inlets Store was discussed. There was time given for discussion of the request of Tim Eichens to have driveway overlay done at his place of business. It was agreed by Consensus of the Board, to bring this item back to the Highway Committee and to re-visit this next Spring when the Highway Department will be doing work in the area.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 10-03-2E, accepting the bid from Vogt's Dirt Service, low bidder, for furnishing 2003 crushed gravel stockpiles (Salminen, Engebretson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 10-03-2D, authorizing the County Engineer to extend a current temporary seasonal employee to continue as needed until the fill-time staff can return to full duty; however, not to exceed 12-months continual employment. Hourly wage to increase from \$7.75 to \$10.01 during the interim period to become effective October 22, 2003 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
6. The status of Highway Construction was discussed.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Seaberg), carried.
3. The information on the Children's Mental Health Grant was discussed and it was approved to use the grant funds we are eligible to receive in the amount of \$8,448 to fund the Children's Mental Health Respite for 2004 (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

4. Purchase of Service Contracts:
 - a. Shared Care Home Treatment (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - b. Lutheran Social Services, Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care and other Medical Assistance Programs and Northern Safety, Life Call and Medication Dispensing Units for Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.

Commissioners

1. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a. LARL Meeting, Commissioner Salminen
 - b. Humane Society Update, Commissioner Salminen
 - c. WACCO Meth Lab Presentation, Commissioner Engebretson
 - d. Kiwanis Meeting, Brian C. Berg, County Administrator
2. Appointments:
 - a. Future Appointments for consideration
 - 1) West Central Initiative, now served by Commissioner Engebretson
 - 2) Wild Life Watershed District, now served by Warren Seykora
 - b. It was moved and seconded to appoint Bob Bristlin as a delegate to MCIT at the AMC Annual Conference (Seaberg, Salminen), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to appoint Dave Seaberg as the alternate to MCIT at the AMC Annual Conference (Salminen, Engebretson), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to approve the attendance of any Commissioner and to appoint the following delegates to the AMC Conference: Roger Winter, Bob Bristlin, Carolyn Engebretson, Harry Salminen, Dave Seaberg, Brian C. Berg, Ryan Tangen, and Dan Holm (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
 - e. It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Engebretson to replace Commissioner Salminen on the White Earth EDA Committee. Commissioner Salminen will be an alternate on the Committee (Salminen, Seaberg), carried.
3. Lester Ristinen, speaking for the Becker County Taxpayers Association, requested the Board consider a Resolution for a True County Assessment System. It was moved and seconded to take this request under advisement until the Becker County Taxpayers Association could meet with Becker County Townships and a request could be brought to the Board (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to change the meeting dates from November 10 and 11 to November 17 and 18, and from December 8 and 9 to December 15 and 16 for Finance and County Board Meetings (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. Planning Commission Minutes of October 21, 2003:

- 1) **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Lester Lade, Lake Eunice Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the certificate of survey and the change of zone from agricultural to residential for a 1.24 acre tract of land based on the fact that the request is compatible with the area and meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Engebretson, Salminen), carried.
 - 2) **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Richard Walsh, Tabled.
 - 3) **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Charles Maves/Merle Hough, Burlington Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve a conditional use permit to allow extractive use gravel mining in an agricultural zone according to the business plan submitted with the application based on the fact that the application complies with the Zoning Ordinance and with the stipulation that the previous phase must be restored within one year after completion (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - 4) **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Lorraine Straswell, Richwood Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to allow a commercial activity consisting of a hair salon and parking in an agricultural zone according to the business plan submitted with the application, based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Salminen, Engebretson), carried.
 - 5) **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Bernard Rick, Cormorant Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to allow commercial storage based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the area with the stipulation that all storage would be indoor storage and no repair work could be conducted on site (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 - 6) **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The Informational Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. at the Planning & Zoning Office.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve to advertise for committee members to work on the revision of the Sub-division and Planning & Zoning Ordinance. No per diem will be paid as is a volunteer position (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Recess for Lunch to Reconvene at the Graystone Meeting Room at 1:30 a.m.

A 2004 Budget Presentation was held for the Board and Department Heads until 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
 Brian C. Berg
 County Administrator

/s/ Roger Winter
 Roger Winter
 Board Chair