

REGULAR MEETING  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

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1. Agenda – As Posted
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2007 (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Commissioners

1. Open Forum:

Ray Valasik, speaking for Forest Township, stated the residents were pleased with the County Board in regards to water resources and zoning issues, but were concerned with taxation and law enforcement. In conveying the opinions of the Forest Township Board, they asked the Board to deny a conditional use permit for the retreat business of Larry & Cheryl Lee because of the impact on neighbors and the fact that the Township had revised the ordinance. He was concerned about the proposed route change for Red Top Road . He thanked the County Board for their donation to the North Country Trail Project.

2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

Attended the following meetings:

- a. Department of Natural Resources Meeting in Alexandria. Lots of information was discussed. A point of discussion was getting away from ponding and going back to drainage and rain gardens.
- b. Natural Resources Meeting. Forest and Round Lake Township came to the NRM Meeting. Chip will set up a committee to see where to plan ATV Trails in Becker County.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

Attended the following meetings:

- a. Planning & Zoning Ordinance Committee. Looking at larger lot size. Looking at changes in the Ordinance; re: conservation and septic system inventory.
- b. Lake Agassiz Regional Library. The system is raising the financial request for signatories for next year.

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. Attended the Airport meeting in Alexandria. Airports reported needing new hangers, maintenance buildings and runways but the dollars are not there to address these needs. The good news is they are making jets smaller with shorter stopping distances.

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

Attended the following meetings:

- a. EDA Meeting discussed tax abatements.
- b. West Central Area on Aging Meeting. They are in the process of taking bids for nutrition providers.
- c. Becker County Children's Initiative is moving forward towards becoming a mental health collaborative for child services.
- d. Swift Plant in Frazee. The Committee is waiting for the soil boring reports, so we can proceed.
- e. Lakeland Mental Health is doing well. We continue to use their services.
- f. Development Achievement Center is going to do an expansion project and will be advertising for bids.

Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:

Attended the following meetings:

- a. Historical Society Board. The Historical Society is moving forward with the inventory. Thursday night there will be a speaker about "Old Three Legs."
- b. WACCO Meeting. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WACCO. In October they will invite vendors and counties to come for a dinner.

3. Appointments:

- a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioners John Bellefeuille and Karen Mulari to the Historical Society Feasibility Study Committee (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- b. It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioners Karen Mulari and Larry Knutson to the Heartland Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail Committee (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the On/Sale Liquor License Renewal for Robert E. Beck, Broken Wheel 3, Detroit Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Temporary 1 to 4 Day On/Sale Liquor Licenses for Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Music Festival on July 18 through 21 at Soo Pass Ranch, Lake View Twp; and Detroit Lakes Lions Club for operations at Music Festival on August 1 through 4 at Soo Pass Ranch, Lake View Township (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve a New Seasonal Tobacco License for Bradley L. Swanson, Swanie's Resort, Cormorant Township (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve a Tubing License Renewal for Roger J. Klemm, K & K Tubing, Erie Township (Mulari, Knutson), carried.

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Off/Sale 3.2 Beer License Renewals (Salminen, Nelson), carried.  
  
Robert E. Beck, Broken Wheel 3, Detroit Township; Rita E. Coalwell Agency Inc., Highway 59 Store, Detroit Township.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the following On/Off/Sale 3.2 Beer License Renewals (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.  
  
Rayna L. Tucker, Northwoods, Recreation LLC, Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Township; Beth A. Schupp, Fair Hills Inc., Wildflower Golf Course, Lake Eunice Township; and Timothy J. Eischens, Two Inlets Country Store, Two Inlets Township.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve a New On/Off 3.2 Beer License for Bradley L. Swanson, Swanie's Resort, Cormorant Township (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the following qualifications: Over 90 day approval: Don Lefebvre committee reimbursement for first quarter 2007; and SHI Inc. late due to not receiving the bill (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. Natural Resources Management Requests. Recommend to continue process and will be formally addressed later on the Agenda.
3. County Attorney Personnel Request. Recommend to continue the process and will be formally addressed later on the Agenda.
4. County Sheriff Capital Purchase Request. Recommend to approve and will be formally addressed later on the Agenda.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance Request for Replacement of Cabinets at Human Services Breakroom at the estimated cost of \$1,100 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital Purchase in the amount of \$25,707.30 to have all microfilmed documents converted to images to be funded using the newly established Recorders Technology Fund (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 04-07-2D, authorizing to hire a part-time Licensing Clerk for Motor Vehicle due to a vacancy, and if filling of this position results in another part-time Licensing Clerk position vacancy to fill this part-time Licensing Clerk position from the same applicant pool list (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements, with the exception of R49.0655.000 – removed from the list ( Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Parcel No.	Tax District	Request for Abatement	Amount
R03.0282.000	Burlington	Assessment Error	\$ 318
R05.0045.000	Fraze	Assessment Error	48
R03-0282.001	Burlington	Assessment Error	(8)
R08.1237.386	Detroit	Assessment Error	(696)
R08.0141.002	Detroit	Assessment Error	(12)
R08.1152.501	Detroit	Assessment Error	1,004
R17.0675.000	Lake Eunice	Homestead Correction	352
R20.0432.000	Maple Grove	Homestead Correction	242
R26.0068.002	Runeberg	Classification Correction	194
R29.0126.000	Silver Leaf	Classification/LMV Correction	1,006
R30.0081.000	Spring Creek	Clerical Correction	648
R30.0082.001	Spring Creek	Clerical Correction	1,716
R32.0334.103	Sugar Bush	Local Option (disaster)	236
R49.9025.000	Detroit Lakes	Classification Correction	432

County Attorney

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 04-07-2C, authorizing to create and fill a full-time additional Assistant Attorney position due to the workload of the County Attorney’s Office with a September 1, 2007 start date (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to add Special Project Grant Application/Community Health to the Agenda (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Trends Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Project Grant Application/Community Health (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Parks & Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 04-07-2A, authorizing to hire two temporary part-time Tramway Operators due to seasonal work in the Parks Department (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 04-07-2B, authorizing that Becker County will act as the legal sponsor for the Winter Wonderland and Wolf Pack Trail Systems and approve the applications to the MN-DNR Snowmobile Trail Assistance Program, which shall be in effect beginning on July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Upon approval of the applications by the State of Minnesota, Becker County will enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Snowmobile Trail Assistance Program and will comply with all laws and regulations as stated in the signed agreement with the County Administrator to act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the local unit of government (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Property Survey Quotes for professional & technical services and accept the low quote – survey work on the 100-acres of Tax-forfeited land and the 34.32 acres of County-fee land in Section 5 of Burlington Township (Salminen, Bellefeuille). After discussion, it was decided that it was too early to accept a quote until the decision was made on how much survey work needed to be completed. The Committee will meet to make a recommendation. The motion and second were withdrawn.
4. It was moved and seconded to appoint Commissioner Larry Knutson to the Committee formed to advise the 100-acres of Tax-forfeited land and the 34.32 acres of County-fee land in Section 5 of Burlington Township (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Appointments to the Winter Trails Advisory Committee (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Randy Torma – representing the Wolf Pack Snowmobile Club  
Joel Matter – representing the ULTRA Snowmobile Club  
Ryan Weum – representing the Tourism Bureau  
Doug Schumann – representing the D L Chamber of Commerce

## NRM

6. It was moved and seconded to advertise for bids for the preparation of sites for spring planting on 15 sites totaling 211 acres as identified by the department (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

## Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the low quote of \$2,938.12 from Floors & More, Inc for replacement of the flooring of the Jail Control Room (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept an increase from \$52-day per inmate housed at Minimum Security to \$54-day, which is the amount paid by the Minnesota Department of Corrections for work release prisoners (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

## Planning & Zoning

1. Planning Commission (PC) Recommendations April 17, 2007 Meeting:
  - 1) FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Bruce Danielson, amendment to the Conditional Use Permit, Cormorant Township. Tabled by the Applicant.
  - 2) SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Larry & Cheryl Lee, Conditional Use Permit for a business consisting of a Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat, Forest Township. Tabled by the Applicant.
  - 3) THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Rusty Moose Investments, Steve Stenerson, Forest Township. It was moved and seconded to table until the May 08, County Board Meeting for more information concerning the placement of Red Top Road and placement of the triangular remnant of land (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  - 4) FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: James & Jane Hokenson, Detroit Township. It was moved and seconded to concur with the (PC) findings and recommendations to approve the request for a Change of Zone from Commercial to Residential (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
  - 5) FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: St. Cloud Wireless, Lake View Township. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the application as submitted (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
  - 6) SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Final Plat of The Woods on Lake Maud. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the Final Plat (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
  - 7) The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

2. Shoreland Individual Septic System Inventory – Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee Recommendation. It was moved and seconded to Implement Shoreland Individual Sewage Treatment Compliance Program within the first tier of development, utilizing the trophic status for lakes greater than 50 Trophic State Index and areas on lakes with marginal Trophic State Index status, when requested by Watershed Districts. The program will require certificates of compliance on individual sewage treatment systems older than 10 years (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ Barry Nelson  
Barry Nelson  
Board Chair