

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda with an added item--Tour of the Courthouse addition at 11:20 a.m. (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2007 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Willis Mattison spoke regarding the appointment of committee members to the Comprehensive Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Policy Committee. Mr. Mattison came up with the idea of the committee and brought it to the Board through the NRM Committee. He was not aware of the application process; therefore, his name does not appear on the membership pool. Mr. Mattison is asking the Board to accept his application for membership. Mr. Mattison handed out a copy of a letter of recommendation on his behalf and asked for a delay on appointment until the next meeting if more support on his behalf was needed.
2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:

- a. Nothing to report.

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. **Unscheduled Airport Meeting:** Met with consultants out of the Twin Cities. The issue discussed was wetland credits. There is a wetland issue on the extension of runway. The Pelican River Water Shed has an area in mind for relocation of the airport. Studies show the airport should be within 5-7 miles of the city being serviced. It was decided to spend more money and look at the plan the Pelican River Water Shed has come up with. If there is a wetland area where the new airport would be placed, the FAA will not approve it. At least 900 acres of land is needed, and it needs to be at least two miles away from a designated wildlife area/DNR land. If the existing airport were sold, the money from the sale would go back to the Federal Government; Becker County would have to reapply for the money to build a new one. The State does not have any funding available, and Federal funding is very limited. We are unsure if a new airport would be fully funded. If the current airport shuts

down, we could expect to go without an airport for 10-15 years. We can purchase wetland credits of which 5% would be City and County funds, and 95% would be from the Federal Government. Commissioner Salminen noted that U.S. Representative Collin C. Peterson and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar have been a big help on this airport issue. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern of increased traffic with the new construction of Menards etc. Commissioner Salminen said there is talk of road changes in that area.

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a. 11-County Regional Treatment Facility Committee: Discussion was held to reference progress on the Regional Treatment Facility. Due to lack of funding and other developments in the treatment field, this project is on hold.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Extension Committee Meeting: A recommendation was made to continue the Ag educator at 40% and to move the 4-H Coordinator from 80% to 100%. It was decided to see how the fair goes before making a decision.
- b. Agenda addition: Tour of the Courthouse Addition at 11:20 a.m.
- c. Building Updates: There will be a Transit Building meeting tomorrow to determine if the project is on schedule. Discussion was held this morning at the City/County/School/Chamber Meeting regarding parking for the Courthouse. The Berean Baptist Church building is being vacated; the County was approached about purchasing the land for parking space. This will be discussed at a City meeting to see if this is an expectable option. The search is being narrowed but all possibilities have been revisited. Brian Berg would like to put something on paper for the Board so a formal decision can be made. Commissioner Salminen asked Commissioner Nelson if there is a need for a consensus to look further into a parking lot at the Berean Baptist Church. Commissioner Nelson noted that a consensus is not necessary. Commissioner Knutson is open to looking at all options. Commissioner Bellefeuille has no objections from what he has seen.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Extension Committee Meeting: The County fair issue concerning the 4-H coordinator's 80% employment was a topic of discussion. Commissioner Knutson believes the 4-H Coordinator needs to step up to the plate.
- a. Fair Board: The Board is working hard and looking for a good fair..

3. Appointments

- a. It was moved and seconded to approve the following appointments to the Comprehensive Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Policy Committee:
From the Traditional Forest Users: Jay Richards and Willis Mattison with Mary Richards and Bill Henke to be alternates.

From the Township Representatives: Eagle View – Doyle Turner; Forest – Ray Vlasak; Round Lake – Jim Childs; Savannah – no name, to be selected by the Township Board.

From the White Earth Reservation: Katherine Warren.

From the Forest Riders ATV Club: Ron Jensen, with Richard Knutson as the alternate.

From the Woods and Wheels ATV Club: Joe Vesey with Lance Dorff as the alternate.

From the Resort Owners: Doug Schumann of Rainbow Resort and Steve Tucker of Ice Cracking Lodge.

Tamarac NWR: Barbara Boyle.

From the MN Deer Hunters Association: Larry Engen, with Dennis Mace as the alternate.

From the Park Board: John Erickson.

From Law Enforcement: Deputy Luke Sweere.

(Salminen, Knutson), carried.

4. Sesquicentennial

- a. Preliminary discussion was held. Commissioner Nelson noted the Historical Society does plan on being involved in this and is in the process of forming a committee.

Auditor – Treasurer

1. Licenses & Permits

- a. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Randy Levy – 10,000 Lakes Festival, LLC – Lake View Township (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Finance Claims (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. A letter requesting the budgeted appropriation of \$80,000 was received from the Historical Society. The first half payment of \$40,000 will be processed, and the second half will be sent in October after the second half tax collection.
3. The 2008 budget process has begun; with six months of 2007 expenditures behind us, the preliminary budget will start to take shape. In past years there have been budget sessions with the commissioners in August. A budget session was set for August 21st tentatively starting at 8:30 a.m.
4. An anticipated change order has been identified for the prisoner walk way. The change will include the application of laminate on the interior surfaces for strength and cleanliness. The estimated cost is around \$12,000.

5. Ryan Tangen, Auditor-Treasurer, spoke in favor of the Becker/Clay Drug Court. More discussion to come.

EDA Recommendations for CMH Industries, Inc. – Guy Fisher

1. It was moved and seconded to open a public meeting (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
2. With no discussion requested, it was moved and seconded to close the public meeting (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Sub-Zone Resolution of Approval to Authorize Tax Exemptions #07-07-1B (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Business Subsidy Agreement between the County and CMH Industries, Inc. (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Business Subsidy Policy and Criteria for Becker County (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Michael Walther, upon request from Commissioner Knutson, gave an overview of his company and where they plan to go in the future.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve one agenda addition; Resolution # 07-07-1C under item 2 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal Purchase of Service Agreement with Sheila Ojala in the amount of \$54,297 for 220 days a year (Mulari, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution # 07-07-1C to receive a grant from BTD to provide funding for foster children and economically deprived children to attend camps (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Service Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve an Overtime Agreement to recover overtime resulting from the 10,000 Lakes Festival (\$7,360) and WE Fest (\$30,050) (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and second to approve Resolution # 07-07-1A accepting a Federal Boat & Water pass through grant to be used for a Hummingbird Sidescan Sonar and 8 cold weather flotation and storm coats totaling \$3,350 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Becker/Clay Drug Court

A discussion was held and the following spoke in favor of the Becker/Clay Drug Court: Don Kautzman, Judge Borgen's Court Clerk; Michael Fritz, Assistant Becker County Attorney; Gregg S. Jensen, Supervisor, Probation Officer; Don Janes, Becker County MCD Supervisor. A trial run, with a couple of offenders, will take place this year. The program will be fully operational January 1st of 2008 with 20 Clay County offenders and 10 Becker County offenders. The Drug Court is asking Becker County for \$10,000 in funding. Commissioner Mulari noted "I would like to applaud all of your efforts and you have my support." It was moved and seconded to approve the appropriation of \$10,000 to the 2008 budget that does not specify at this time which fund the \$10,000 will come from (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Tour of the Courthouse addition.

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