

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with two deletions (1) Economic Development Authority at 10:45 am, Resolution 09-07-2H and (2) Environmental Services at 9:30 am, Resolution 09-07-2I (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2007 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. Discussion was held on the Wild Rice Watershed meeting to be held on September 26, 2007, at 7:00 pm at the Twin Valley Community Center.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum; No presentations.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended Historical Society meeting last night; memberships are increasing; new building plans were discussed.
 - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended Economic Development Authority meeting, they decided to use their own pool of finances to bridge the gap in financing as it was more cost effective.
 - c) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended Development Achievement Center meeting last night; construction project is progressing and they are working on the water system.
 - ii) Attended Lakeland Mental Health meeting; looking into purchasing space however there isn't availability at this time; they are currently leasing space.
 - iii) Will be attending the West Central Regional Treatment Facility Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2007; asking the Legislature for more money.
 - iv) Environmental meeting – several issues being discussed.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting; wetland credits were discussed.
 - ii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting; the budget was discussed.
 - iii) Attended the Building Committee meeting; completion schedule has been extended, roof issues are being addressed; interior colors for the building are close to being finalized.
 - iv) Energy Star has a web site offering tool kits for changing regular light bulb to fluorescent; suggested the County promote and educate the citizens to start changing bulbs to fluorescent and recycle them properly at the end of their use.
 - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended Becker County Fair Board meeting; not all bills are in yet but it appears to be a very productive Fair. Fair Board is concerned with the Transit Building landscaping.

3. Appointments:

- a) It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Ellis Peterson as Manager of the Cormorant Watershed District (Nelson, Knutson), carried. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Dave Olness to thank him for his interest in the position.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the County Annex Lease Rental Extension (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Construction Change Orders G-001, G-002, G-003, G-004, G-005, G-006, G-007, M-001, M-002, and M-003 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Auditor – Treasurer

1. Licenses & Permits

- a) It was moved and seconded to approve the Cancellation of Forfeitures, Resolution 09-07-2D (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
- b) It was moved and seconded to approve the Cancellation of Forfeitures, Resolution 09-07-2E (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- c) It was moved and seconded to approve the Cancellation of Forfeitures, Resolution 09-07-2F (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the payment to LARL in the amount of \$60,190.25 for 3rd Qtr Installments (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Emergency Warrants for Larry Ray Smith - \$1,000 and Wallace and Christine Knapp - \$1,000 for extension of the purchase options on the houses South of the Berean Baptist Church (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Parks and Recreation's Resolution 09-07-2A authorizing the annual hiring of four groomer operators (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the quote from Wayne Nelson for the improvement plan for a portion of the Winter Wonderland Snowmobile trail in section 7 of Lake Park Township (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Soil & Water

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize withdrawal of wetland credits from the County Wetland Bank to satisfy the Becker County Land Fill. The cost to transfer is \$525.39. (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the three abatements (1) M 06.8572.000, Cormorant, assessment error, \$50.00; (2) M 20.8148.000, Maple Grove, assessment error, \$184.00; and (3) M 28.8095.000, Shell Lake, assessment error, \$40.00 (Mulari, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff Department

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Personnel Request-Secretarial Replacement, Resolution 09-07-2C (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Minnesota FCEP Contract for 2008 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve renewal of the FCEP Contract for \$7,000 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Income Maintenance Reports (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Child and Family Services Report (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the optional Dental and Vision Plans, Resolution 09-07-2B (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Planning and Zoning Department

1. There were no additions to the agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commissions' approval of the First order of Business, Michael and Barbara Johnson's request for a conditional use permit for a business to service and repair cars and trucks in an agricultural zone located at 25674 Brandy Lake Road (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commissions' approval of the Second order of Business, Steve Halstensgaard's request for a second dwelling on the property to care for elderly parents with the stipulation that the house be removed within twelve months of neither parent continuing to live in the mobile home (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commissions' approval of the Third order of Business, Keith Danks' request of a change of zone from agricultural to residential and approval of four lots with conservation easements (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commissions' approval of the Fourth order of Business, Final Plat of Sunrise on Little Floyd (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

6. Fifth order of business, next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 8:00 am at the Planning & Zoning Office.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the EAW Committee Negative EAW Declaration Recommendation, Lookout Rock Properties, Erie Township, Resolution 09-07-2G (Salminen, Bellefeuille), voting with 4 ayes (Commissioners Bellefeuille, Salminen, Nelson and Knutson) and 1 nay (Commissioner Mulari), carried.
8. Discussion was held on the Ordinance Amendment recommendations with regard to grandfathered in applications that have been approved prior to the Planning and Zoning changes approved at the September 18, 2007, Board Meeting. Planning and Zoning will be meeting with the Department of Natural Resources this afternoon to discuss previously approved applications and will report back on the outcome of the discussion.

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