

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse, All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with one change (1) remove Parks and Recreation from the agenda at 11:00 am (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 23, 2007 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum: No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sunnyside Committee meeting. The financial report was reviewed.
 - ii) Attended the Detroit Lakes Chamber Agricultural committee. Agricultural Issues Forum will be held in Callaway on December 6th.
 - iii) Acknowledged Veteran's Day. Commissioner Nelson extended thanks to all Veterans and personally acknowledged Commissioner Knutson's military service.
 - iv) Attended the Courthouse Building Committee meeting. Behind schedule one month. All three contractors are working well together. Getting ready for Phase 2 bids in January for the remodel.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Expressed his gratitude for the support shown him in the last two weeks.
 - c) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended a Planning and Zoning committee meeting. Discussed the conditional use permit fee for FACE. The committee is meeting again this week.
 - ii) Natural Resources; the timber auction went well. Prices are up.
 - iii) Attended the Environmental Affairs Committee meeting. They are starting work on the white goods processing and maintenance building.
 - d) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) No report.
 - e) Commissioner Mulari Reports:
 - i) Attended the Association of Minnesota Futures Committee meeting. She brought back a video "Celebrate What's Right With The World" with Dewitt Jones for the Commissioners to view.
 - ii) Commissioner Mulari reported the low bid for demolition of the Frazee Swift building from Blue Earth Environmental in Mankato was \$144,000. Their plan is to apply for a permit to bury the debris at a location near Daggett Trucking.
 - iii) Commissioner Mulari will submit the counseling program in the Becker County jail as Becker County's idea for the future at the Association of Minnesota Counties. It has been a great success and the Sheriff and Human Services Director are looking to expand the counseling work.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination of Commissioner Mulari as the Voting Delegate and Commissioner Nelson as the Alternate from Becker County to the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust, December 3, 2007 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Civil Commitment Contract with Thorwaldsen, Malmstrom, Sorum & Majors beginning January 1, 2008 and continues through December 31, 2008 (Salminen, Mulari), Commissioner Bellefeuille abstained from voting, carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the insertion of the amount of \$250,000 to paragraph 4 of the Proposal to the City of Detroit Lakes to be utilized by the City of Detroit Lakes for "public parking enhancement costs" (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Lakes Country Service Cooperative Agreement for January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance by all Commissioners to the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Forum, 8 am, December 6, 2007, at the Callaway Community Center (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Public Meeting

1. A Public Meeting was held for the permit application from Dean Mace for expansion of his turkey operation from 552 animal units to 708.
2. Jerry Schram spoke in favor of the expansion. He believes it is a good thing for the County to allow expansion of this business as Dean Mace runs a clean sound business.
3. Dean and Janet Mace were in attendance. There were no other comments from the public.

Auditor – Treasurer

1. Colleen Hoffman gave a presentation on the Annual Audit Review and answered questions from the Commissioners. She commented on the excellent communication within the Auditor's office. We received a reduction on the contract price for the audit because of the great job the Auditor's office did. They are working on developing policies for the future and commended Becker County on being proactive.
2. Licenses & Permits
 - a) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 11-07-1B, the addition of Parcel number 19.0027.004, Lake View Township-\$100 to the tax forfeited land sale (Salminen, Mulari), all Commissioners voting aye, carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Central Services Capital Improvement Expenditures request to purchase a power brush for snow removal with a quote of \$2,971.35 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Environmental Concrete Crushing quote from A-Line Crushing Service for \$3.85 per ton (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology 4th Quarter computer purchases which consist of 5 monitors, 7 computers, and one laptop (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee that Parks and Recreation secure the Snowmobile Trail Grooming Contract through direct negotiation.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Natural Resource Management Forest Inventory Update by Pro-West for an estimated cost of \$3,000 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Court House Project building change order M-005 dated November 1, 2007 with Manning Mechanical in the amount of \$4,221.68 and change order G-011 dated November 1, 2007 with Roers Construction in the amount of \$1,557.79 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve three properties for abatements (1) parcel number 19.0750.000, Lake View Township, \$302 (2) parcel number 49.1295.000, Detroit Lakes Township, \$206 and \$222 and (3) parcel number P53.9015.000, Wolf Lake City, \$202 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Jail Nursing Contract Agreement which stipulates a rate of \$3,111 per month (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the Service Agreements/Contracts for (1) Care 2000 Home Health, (2) Emmanuel Community-Customized Living Services, (3) Frazee Care Center-Home and Community Based Services (7-1-07 to 7-31-07), (4) Frazee Care Center-Home and Community Based Services (8-1-07 to 6-30-08), (5) Merit Care Home Care, (6) Northern Safety and Security, (7) St. Mary's Regional Health-Customized Living, (8) St. Mary's Regional Health-Home Health Services (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Trauma-Focused CBT Training (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Blue Plus Amendment-MS+ and SNBC (Mulari, Salminen), carried
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 11-07-1A for the Personnel Request for a Mental Health Case Manager due to a vacancy (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Children and Family Services Report (Salminen, 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 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Building Change Orders totaling \$92,058.10 which were previously approved by the Board (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Bad Medicine Lake Association-Chuck Church

1. Chuck Church gave a presentation on closed basin lakes for the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association. The Association is asking that the setback measurement on closed basin lakes be changed to “highest known water” from “ordinary high water” level. He presented information to back up his request.
2. Roger Olson, resident of Bad Medicine Lake, also requested the change to preserve the beauty of the lake. Bad Medicine is one of the clearest lakes because it has been taken care of. It is a closed basin lake and it cannot be flushed in and out to control pollution.
3. The Board recommended that the request be taken under advisement by the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Sub-Committee.

Mahube Community Council – Leah Pigatti

1. Leah Pigatti and Karen Lenius gave a report on programs funded by the donation from Becker County and other entities. Becker County is a volunteer rich county. One of their ongoing programs is the Income Tax Return program. They thanked the Commissioners for their contribution which is very important to their success.

Planning and Zoning

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Jon Christianson (Jon & Son’s) Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit No. 549492 to change the wording in the first paragraph of the Exact Description to “behind the furthest north building” (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 11-07-1C, the Master Partnership Contract Renewal with MNDOT (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. After discussion it was decided to review the wording in Resolution 11-07-1D with the County Attorney to insure the fact that CR 124 and CR 133 would always remain public roads if they are revoked to the White Earth Tribal Reservation. The Resolution will be brought back to the Board after revision.
3. The Five Year Plan Meeting date was set as December 11, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. It will be put on the agenda for the Board meeting that day.
4. A construction update was given on the status of all projects.

Discussion was held on the December 25th Board Meeting. It was agreed that the meeting date would be moved to December 18, 2007.

Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

1. It was moved and seconded to close the session for discussion on Labor Negotiations (Mulari, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to re-open the closed session (Mulari, Salminen), 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