

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Salminen. Commissioners in attendance, also Administrator, Brian C. Berg and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Human Resources, Resolution 01-09-2C (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2009 (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Willis Mattison, Citizens for Responsible ATV Use, spoke reference the date set for the Open Forum discussion of the classification of Becker County's forestlands with regards to motorized access. Mr. Mattison, Lannie Whalen, and others would like the date delayed until late spring or early summer to accommodate those residents that spend their winters elsewhere but have a residence in the affected forestland.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Fair Board meeting. Discussed the Fair in 2009 (July 29 – August 1).
 - ii) Attended the Tax Payers Association meeting. Discussed changing the open forum time at Becker County Board meetings to a later time on the schedule to allow more people to attend.
 - b) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Regional Radio Board meeting. The meetings have been changed to quarterly. There will be a mandatory operating training in February. Two grants have been received (\$18,000 and \$78,000) to be used for reimbursing meeting expenses to the Counties. They are asking for an alternate Commissioner from Becker County.
 - c) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Natural Resource meeting. Topics are on the agenda.
 - ii) Attended the Building Committee meeting. The last official meeting will be held this Thursday. Punch list items will be reviewed on February 4th.
 - d) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the new Commissioner Training in St. Paul January 14 – 16, 2009. Took advantage of the opportunity to network with other new Commissioners. Discussed transparency at meetings, which he found very interesting.
 - ii) Attended Land of the Dancing Sky meeting in Fergus Falls. Discussed the work they do within the community.
 - iii) Attended the Childrens Initiative meeting. Discussed the work they do with grants.
 - iv) Attended the Western Area City County Coop meeting. Discussed volume buying and classes to be offered in the future.
 - v) Attended the Historical Society meeting. Commissioner Schram suggested oral recording of events from elders.

- vi) Commissioner Schram expressed his thanks to everyone for their help as he begins his duties as a Commissioner.
- e) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Soil & Water Committee meeting. Discussed workshops, the change from eleven districts to eight, the tourism industry in Minnesota, and the new State environmental tax and how to distribute funds.
 - ii) Attended Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting. Discussed library usage, wages, and the consequences of Clearwater County's non-payment of maintenance of effort. Commissioner Nelson has been asked to serve on the LARL Executive Board.
- 3. Discussed the maintenance of effort and the recent communications with Representative Paul Marquart and Senator Rod Skoe as the Minnesota legislature will be reviewing a vote for repeal.
- 4. Appointments:
 - a) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Barry Nelson as the alternate Commissioner on the Regional Radio Board along with attendance at the April meeting with Commissioner Bellefeuille (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
 - b) It was moved to approve the Commissioner Committee List for 2009 by Commissioner Bellefeuille. After discussion the motion was withdrawn as there were no changes.

Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 01-09-2C modifying the Personnel Policy Manual for family medical leave (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. There were no licenses or permits.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the 90 day claims from James Shoemaker, Rivera Law Office and Zack, Jones & Magnus due to delay of invoice delivery and Marco due to discovery pertaining to sales tax (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Sheriff's purchase of a squad car camera and the extension of the food contract with A'Viands LLC. It was recommended to wait until after the February 10th planning session to consider the replacement of a full time vacancy in a correction officer position.
3. It was moved to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request for increased compensation from the State of Minnesota for providing Department of Motor Vehicle services, Resolution 01-09-2B by Commissioner Bellefeuille. The motion died with no second.
4. Discussed a summary of the depositories and brokers utilized by Becker County.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-keying of seven locking file cabinets for the Probation department if found in house or to purchase the cabinets up to an amount of \$1,300 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Bob Bristlin & Son change order #009 in the amount of \$10,673 (Nelson, Schram), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minnesota Heartland Tourism Association membership for 2009 in the amount of \$250 (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's request for increased compensation from the State of Minnesota for providing Department of Motor Vehicle services, Resolution 01-09-2B (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the certification for acquisition of 80 acres from Shane M. Donley in Section 14 of Riceville Township by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase for replacement of a squad car video camera not to exceed the amount of \$2,014 and to also use the matching Safe & Sober Program grant in the amount of \$2,014 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve amendment number five to the Jail inmate food contract with A'Viands, LLC to the pricing schedule (Schram, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to table the request to replace a full-time correction officer until the February 24th Board meeting to allow discussion at the February 10th planning session (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a letter of support to the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers for a reduction in the tort liability limits to one million dollars (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the date of May 12, 2009 for an open public forum to listen to concerns and comment from the public regarding the classification of Becker County's forestlands with regards to motorized access to be held in the Commissioner's Room from 6 to 8 p.m. (Schram, Knutson), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the Purchase of three Service Agreements with Becker County DAC (Schram, Nelson), carried.
 2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Reports (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
 3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Reports (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Human Services Children and Family Services Report (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
 7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
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County Administrator

/s/ Harry Salminen
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Board Chair