

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 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 Minutes of January 27, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Ann Zick, Mental Health Advisory Council for Becker County, spoke reference the anticipated funding cuts for mental health. Ms. Zick reported numerous contacts from individuals communicating their concerns for loss of services that would impact them personally and their requests to keep the mental health services available to citizens of Becker County.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the West Central Regional Detention Center meeting. Becker County's share of the 2008 budget shortfall was \$23,837. The meetings have been changed to quarterly with monthly financial reporting to the members. They are making plans to offset any shortages. Commissioner Bellefeuille suggested they expand the 30 day evaluation program as there currently is a waiting list and this would help meet the budget. The Detention Center is also soliciting non-member counties to use the facility when there are openings.
 - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee meeting. Reported the flu in Minnesota is minimal and hospitals and schools are being affected financially by the current financial situation.
 - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. They are considering managed care at the Lake Park apartments instead of a purchase. Commissioner Schram was given a tour of the facility and was impressed.
 - ii) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. Encouraged the Commissioners to participate and bid on items on the LMC-Bay as the proceeds go to the food pantry.
 - iii) Met with Barbara Boyle, Tamarac Refuge Manager, regarding snowmobile use on County roads.
 - iv) Met with Steven Day, Director of White Earth Public Safety, regarding continuing the relationships with the County.
 - v) Attended the Pelican River Watershed meeting. Discussed the current concerns with flowering rush as an evasive species in the area lakes. The Department of Natural Resources is requesting permits be obtained for removal of the flowering rush.
 - vi) Commissioner Schram reported the snowmobile trails from Detroit Lakes to Walker to Bemidji are in good shape. Attended the Winter Trails Committee. There have been

- many groomer repairs this year as the machines have increased usage from last year. New snowmobile trails were discussed.
- vii) Attended the Becker County Council on Aging meeting. Discussed the disappointment with the current provider of nutritional services with quality and quantity. They will be renewing the contract this year and are hoping for improvements.
 - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Nothing to report.
 - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Mahube meeting. They will be opening bids tomorrow for their planned expansion. They received a \$100,000 grant from Bremer Bank for emergency services.
 - ii) Attended the Safety Committee meeting. Discussed the AED units and the battery replacements.
 - iii) Attended the Environmental Services Committee meeting. Reviewed the request for proposals from Engineering Associates. Discussed the problems with the recycling sheds and the current recycling program with Minnkota.
3. Appointments:
- a) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Dan Schlauderaff as the replacement for resigning Phil Majerus in District 4 on the Planning Commission (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
 - b) Commissioner Salminen reported he is still looking for a candidate for the Extension Committee appointment and requested suggestions from the Commissioners.

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 West Central Regional Juvenile Center due to 2008 budget shortfall, Harry Salminen, and the 90 day claims from American Solution for Business due to questions on sales tax (Knutson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology request to purchase 4 computers and 2 monitors to create inventory for an estimated amount of \$2,900; to purchase a scanner for the Veteran Service office for an estimated amount of \$950 and will be covered by grant money; and request to purchase six hard drives for an estimated amount of \$1,800 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to wait until after the February 10th planning session to review the Environmental Services request for purchase for a long-term plan at the solid waste facility.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway requests for a replacement radio and a high pressure culvert steamer.
5. The Cash and Investment summaries for December were presented.
6. Discussed the 2009 Budget and recommendations submitted by the department heads. A spreadsheet was assembled and will be used at the strategic planning meeting on February 10th.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Abatement for PIN 06.0074.000 and 06.0075.000, Cormorant in the amount of -\$3,482.00 (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the acceptance of the Boat & Water Program Grant in the amount of \$22,958 and to authorized Resolution 02-09-1C for the same (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-1A for the purchase of one Motorola 100 Watt Two-Way Radio in the amount of \$3,150 (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-1B for the purchase of a hot water, high pressure culvert steamer in the amount of \$7,000 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the amendment to the Fee Policy to include hold orders (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Nelson), 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