

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Salminen. Commissioners in attendance, also Human Resource Director, Nancy Grabanski and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2009 (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a) Joy Crouch, Hospice of the Red River Valley in Detroit Lakes, spoke reference the funding cuts for Judy Peterson, Coordinator for the Council on Aging. Ms. Crouch requested the funding not be cut for Judy Peterson as she is an advocate for seniors in Becker County. Also speaking on behalf of maintaining funding for Judy Peterson was Doris Jacobson, volunteer for the Council on Aging; Robert Berg, Senior Center Council member; Luetta Shodean, Council on Aging member; Arlie Shodean, President of the Council on Aging, Sue Braun, St. Mary's Regional Health Center; Dale Peterson, senior citizen; Cher Theisen, senior citizen; Blanch Olson, Council on Aging member; Karen Cates, Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program Director; and Roland Sandman, senior citizen.
 - b) Nancy Nelson, Human Service Director, spoke reference the duplication of services in Judy Peterson's position as one reason for cutting funding. Other organizations provide funding to the position on the Council on Aging.
 - c) By consensus the Board of Commissioners agreed to reinstate the full funding of \$5,600 in the Human Service budget for the Coordinator position.
 - d) Richard Smith, farmer in Walworth Township, spoke reference the Wild Rice Watershed District appointment and his endorsement of Duane Erickson to the open position on their board.
 - e) Duane Erickson, farmer in Becker County, spoke reference his application to be on the board of the Wild Rice Watershed District. Mr. Erickson submitted a letter he was sending to the Clay County Administrator listing his qualifications. He also answered questions from the Commissioners.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
 - a) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
 - i) Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting. Discussed the hunting and cabin leases and classification choices for the forest areas.
 - b) Commissioner Schram Reports:
 - i) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting. Discussed senior issues, the nutrition contract, the Senior Link, medication coverage with MeritCare Clinic, and parish nurses.
 - ii) Attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. Encouraged the Commissioners to participate as a group on the LMC Auction and come up with an offer.
 - iii) Attended the Historical Society meeting. Discussed the budget cuts, open house timing to encourage larger crowds, and bids on owned houses for demolition.

- iv) Attended the Development Achievement Center meeting. Discussed the budget cuts and the need to increase attendance.
- v) Attended the WesMin Resource Conservation & Development meeting in Wadena. Discussed the biomass demonstration scheduled for March 26th.
- c) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library executive board meeting. Discussed maintenance of effort contributions not yet submitted by three counties. They are planning a trip to Clearwater County to discuss the ramifications of their not meeting contributions on the state funds available to the Library.
 - ii) Attended the Extension meeting. Tracy Baker gave a presentation on Nutrition. The need is growing for school lunches provided to area children. Ms. Baker was featured in the Source published by the University of Minnesota. Discussed the published 2008 Minnesota Wheat Research Review and Farm Cropping Trials.
- d) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
 - i) Attended the Fair Board meeting. Discussed the budget, the new plans for a 4-H dance at the Fair, maintenance on the livestock barn, and opening bids for the expansion for Mahube.
- e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
 - i) Attended the Economic Development Authority meeting. Discussed the purchase agreement for the Lake Park houses and the preliminary plans for the Frazee expansion.
- 3. Appointments:
 - a) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Jim Bruflo in District 2 to the Board of Adjustments (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
 - b) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Dr. Neil Jonason to the Sunnyside Care Center Board (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
 - c) Commissioner Nelson announced the award of the Caregiver of the Year by the Aging Services of Minnesota for Joanne Sherbrooke, a nurse at Sunnyside Care Center.
 - d) It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Commissioner Nelson to the Highway Committee, the removal of Commissioner Nelson from the Human Services Committee and the appointment of Commissioner Salminen to the Human Services Committee (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
 - e) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2L, the Resolution of Support for the Establishment of a Northern Minnesota Veterans Home (Knutson, Schram), carried.
 - f) Discussion was held on the procedure for the meeting scheduled on May 12, 2009 with emphasis that the Board members make a decision on the direction the Board wishes to go prior to the meeting date.

Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2D, a gambling permit for the Cormorant Lions Club for a raffle on May 9, 2009 at the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Township (Nelson, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2E, a gambling permit for the Cormorant Lions Club for a raffle on September 25, 2009 at the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Township (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the advertisement for a public hearing to be set at the March 10th Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the New Off Sale Liquor License for Forbes, LLC – DBA Osage Liquor, Eugene D. Forbes, President (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the removal of Sand Bags Warehouse in the amount of \$2,662.50, and the addition of the 90 day claims from Becker County Recorder for EDA fees due to misplaced invoices, Jon & Sons Disposal due to missed invoices in 2007, and Innovis Health Care for Coroner fees (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Sheriff requests for a part-time correction officer and to renew the quarter time Sentence to Serve position in coordination with Mahnommen County; it was recommended to defer the purchase of 10,000 sand bags for further investigation.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Environmental Services request to approve the bid from Wenck Associates for a long term plan at the solid waste facility.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Natural Resource Management request for acceptance of the low bid from Superior Forestry Service for tree planting.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee for the Highway to wait until a further meeting to advertise and hire seasonal employees and to wait for the Highway Committee recommendations for the seasonal material requirements bids.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Cash and Investment summaries for December 2008 and January 2009 (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer Fee Schedule Update to change the escrow fees from file based to seasonal calculation (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

Environmental

1. It was moved and seconded to approve signing the letter of support for the MN Paint Stewardship Program bill currently under consideration by the Minnesota Legislature (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve acceptance of the bid from Wenck Associates in the amount of \$13,100 to assist in long term planning at the Transfer Station site and our county wide recycling program (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2A to hire a part-time Correctional Officer due to a resignation (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agreement with Minnesota Department of Corrections for fiscal 2009-2010 Sentence to Serve with quarter time share with Mahnommen County in the amount of \$18,900 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
3. Sheriff Gordon presented information on the new notification system being discussed by local entities.

Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the acceptance of the low bid from Superior Forestry Services, Inc. for the planting of tree seedlings in the amount of \$55.70/thousand for a total cost of \$14,000 (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2B to create a Highway policy for Loss of CDL License due to regulatory changes (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2F to advertise in the Detroit Lakes Tribune stating the intent to use the internet as it's primary posting location and all highway construction advertising for 2009 will be placed on the official Becker County web page and the MNDOT site www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid using the EAdvert link (Knutson, Schram), carried.
3. Highway will submit a request for hiring seasonal employees at a later date.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2I to award the magnesium chloride dust control contract to Dustcoatings, Inc. and to authorize the County Engineer to execute and enter into said contract (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2H to reject all bids for steel pipe culverts and to authorize the County Engineer to take formal quotes for the most commonly used steel pipe culverts and to take quotes as necessary for special order culverts (Knutson, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2J to reject all bids for bituminous materials and to authorize the County Engineer to consider spec changes and to attempt to attract more bidders for the bituminous materials (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 02-09-2K to accept all quotes for the 2009 delivery of materials for annual requirements and equipment rental and to authorize the County Engineer to rent such equipment as may be needed from time to time to accomplish the goals of the Highway Department with discretion used for availability with regard to time schedules and total cost with regard to material location and hauling costs (Schram, Nelson), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family and Child Services Report (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Income Maintenance Reports (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Reports (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept Resolution 02-09-2C, add Loss of CDL Driving License Policy and Change to Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy (Schram, Nelson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
9. 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