

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 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 April 14, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Fosston Incinerator Plant Tour on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii) Attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting. Discussed the budget and the current deficit. The next meeting is scheduled for July.
  - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Natural Resource meeting. Discussed the tramway which will be addressed at the meeting today.
    - ii) Attended the Lakeland Metal Health meeting. The Shared Care Program has more days of usage. Commissioner Salminen voted against their proposed funding request from Becker County in the amount of \$246,833, a 2% increase.
  - c) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Western Area City County Coop meeting in Fergus Falls. Discussed the Land of the Dancing Sky and the decrease in nursing beds, the changes in the Bush Foundation applications, and the Becker County Initiative combining with Reservation organizations to apply for a mental health grant.
    - ii) Attended the Labor Management meeting. The Adopt a Highway Program for the employees will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussed committee replacements in the fall and the furlough policy.
    - iii) Attended the Development Achievement Center meeting. Job descriptions were reviewed.
    - iv) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting. Katie Lundmark has applied for a two year grant for two employees in the amount of \$142,000. The quiet title has been completed. Discussed the possibility of payment for the flood residents.
    - v) Attended the Isaac Walton League State Convention at Maplelag Resort. Elk River, a Signature City for Energy Efficiency, presented their programs for conserving energy.
    - vi) Attended the Historical Society meeting. Thank you to all the Commissioners for attending their luncheon. They have several fund raising events planned for the future.
  - d) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Sunnyside Care Center meeting.
    - ii) Attended the Soil and Water meeting. Discussed the change in membership and the new joint powers for technical projects. The water plan has been updated.

- iii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Library meeting. Discussed the Norman and Polk County library reduction in hours and the Maintenance of Effort increases for next year.
  - e) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Isaac Walton League State Convention at Maplelag Resort. Elk River, a Signature City for Energy Efficiency, presented their programs for conserving energy.
    - ii) Attended the Fair Board meeting. Approved the repair to the metal roof on one of the buildings in the amount of \$21,500.
    - iii) Attended the Mahube meeting. Discussed the stimulus package money they expect to receive and the possibility of partnering with the City of Detroit Lakes Building Inspector.
  - f) The Commissioners and Brian Berg discussed the Fosston Incinerator Plant Tour.
3. Appointments
- a) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Orrin Okeson to the Pelican River Watershed District for a three year term from May 26, 2009 to May 25, 2012 (Nelson, Schram), carried.
  - b) It was moved and seconded to approve the re-appointment of Dave Brainard to the Pelican River Watershed District for a three year term from May 26, 2009 to May 25, 2012 (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
  - c) It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2A for the re-appointment of Brad Wentz as Becker County Highway Engineer for a four year term beginning on May 1, 2009 and expiring April 30, 2013 (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2G, gambling permit for West Central Waterfowlers, Raffle at the Callaway Community Center on September 19, 2009, Callaway City (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the wine & strong beer license renewal for Beth Schupp, Fair Hills Inc. – Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills, Lake Eunice Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for Beth Schupp, Fair Hills Inc. – Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills, Lake Eunice Township and Bill Christlieb – Osage Country Market, Osage Township (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the on and off sale 3.2 beer license renewal for Richard Dodds, Elkhorn Outfitters Inc. – Eagle Lake Resort & Spa, Burlington Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Beth Schupp, Fair Hills Inc. – Wildflower Golf Course at Fair Hills, Lake Eunice Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual tubing license renewal for Roger Klemm – K & K Tubing, Erie Township (Nelson, Schram), carried.

#### Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of the over 90 day claim; Neil Kuhlemeyer, waited until the season was complete before turning in receipts (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Human Resources request to create a policy for implementation of a voluntary furlough plan.

3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Parks and Recreation request to hire part-time seasonal tramway operators and an increase in the season pass and round trip fee for the operation of the tramway.
4. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway request to apply for a joint grant with the City of Detroit Lakes for a maintenance facility.
5. The Highway request for approval of the Beaver Control Quotes was added to the agenda and upon consensus from Commissioner Salminen and Commissioner Bellefeuille it was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Beaver Control Quotes.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's Cash Comparisons and Investment Summaries for February and March (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements (1) Height of Land Township, PINS 15.0275.000 for \$256, 15.0274.000 for \$(32) and 15.0312.001 for \$212; (2) Erie Township, PIN 10.0411.000 for \$(28); (3) Sugar Bush Township PIN 32.0260.000 for \$274; (4) Detroit Lakes PINS 49.2519.103 for \$172, 49.9223.000 for \$1,102, 49.9224.000 for \$1,130, and 49.9225.000 for \$1,102; (5) Frazee PIN 50.0322.000 for \$290 (6) Cormorant Township PIN 06.8729.000 for \$98 for a combined total of \$4,576 (Nelson, Schram), carried.
2. Steve Skoog reported that the Board Review process was half way completed.

#### Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2E accepting quotes from Martin Berens and Roger Lundberg for Beaver Control and Dam Removal and authorizing the County Engineer to enter into the contracts for Beaver Control and Dam Removal as may be needed from time to time (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2B for an application for a joint transportation facility with the City of Detroit Lakes as a high priority project through Federal Reauthorization of the Transportation Bill and to equally divide the local cost share for the facility including the letter to Congressman Collin Peterson requesting his consideration and support for the joint request project (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

#### U.S. Fish & Wildlife

1. Don Kleven, Realty Specialist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, reported the acreage figures requested at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The total acres owned by the Fish and Wildlife Service in Becker County is 13,340 small wetland acres for public hunting. Their approved goal for acres is 19,220.
2. Don Kleven and Pat Eidenschink, one of the property owners, presented information on the certification of the option to purchase 86 acres in Detroit Township.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve certification of the purchase agreement for acquisition of 86 acres from Patrick and Shirlee Eidenschink, Norman and Marion Eidenschink, Paul and Kay Eidenschink and Kris and Michael Wilson in Detroit Township (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.

#### Parks & Recreation

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to solicit funds for development of an Outdoor Recreation Plan with an estimated cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2F to hire two temporary part-time Tramway Operators due to seasonal work in the Parks Department (Schram, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the increase of the Tramway operation charges from \$50 to \$75 for a season pass and from \$5 to \$10 for a single trip fee (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.

#### Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust Member Report

1. Gail Sater, Account Executive for the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust, presented the 2009 Member Report including the activities of MCIT and their relationship with Becker County.

#### Human Services

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the deletion of the Transit Ridership Report from the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Children and Family Services Report (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Support Report (Nelson, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Schram, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Schram, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Planning and Zoning

1. Planning Commission Recommendations, April 21, 2009: First Order of Business: Hough Inc. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to revise the existing Conditional Use Permit Doc Number 407839 to allow the expansion of an existing demolition site up to 18.88 acres located along the Minimum Maintenance Rd off of Co Hwy 22 in Lake Eunice Township based on the revised plan submitted to the Zoning Office and that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the following stipulations: 1) a vegetative buffer with transplanted red pines be placed along the northeast property line; 2) a truck route maintenance agreement be worked out with Lake Eunice Township to include dust control and a speed limit study; 3) Hough employees maintain litter control on the property and the employees are to pick up loose litter from neighboring properties as needed; 4) the house of operation for outside customers be limited to 7:00 am until 5:00 pm, this would not apply to Hough employees; and 5) financial assurance be worked out with the County (Schram, Knutson), carried.
2. Second Order of Business: David and Ella Brenneman. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve an Amish Church Cemetery located at 15078 Co Hwy 39, Evergreen Township based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area with the stipulation that the cemetery begin 600 feet north of the gravel road; the first burial plots begin 50 feet from the westerly property line, allowing for expansion toward the property line; and a natural vegetation growth with evergreen trees be planted along the property line for a buffer (Bellefeuille, Nelson), carried.
3. Third Order of Business: Harvest Free Will Baptist Church, George Lemelin. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve conditional use permit to allow

the existing church located at 36137 Co Rd 133, White Earth Township to be utilized as a private educational school based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Schram, Knutson), carried.

4. Fourth Order of Business: Neil Edwards. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone for a 3.42 acre parcel for the property located at 18071 Co Hwy 29, Erie Township from commercial to residential based on the fact that it is compatible with the surrounding area (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
5. Fifth Order of Business: John and Lorraine Lyngstad. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey with the change of zone from agricultural to residential for the 1.39 acre tract for the property located at 23980 Vacation Lane, Shell Lake Township based on the fact that it does meet the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
6. Sixth Order of Business: Leo Ennen. The owner, Leo Ennen, requested the application be postponed to another meeting to allow him time to talk to the neighbor to try to obtain more land.
7. Seventh Order of Business: The next Informational Meeting will be held May 14, 2009 at 8:00 am in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the original Courthouse.

#### Housing and Economic Development Authority

1. Jon Thomsen, Housing Director, and Guy Fisher presented the Housing Directors Report for 2008 and the Economic Development Report for 2008.

#### Human Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2D creating a voluntary furlough plan where employees on a volunteer basis may request up to 80 hours of furlough (unpaid time off) during a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) beginning May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 04-09-2C modifying the Personnel Policy Manual, Section 14.6 Special Conditions to update and provide more clarity for Short Term Unpaid Leave (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Environmental Services

1. Mike Hanan, Ottertail County Solid Waste Officer; Dennis Hanselman, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Kelcey Klemm, Perham City Manager; Tim Cadwallader, Todd County Solid Waste Officer; and Brian Schmidt, Perham Plant Manager gave a presentation on the Perham Resource Recovery Facility Expansion Project.

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