

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, July 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 an addition to the agenda of the Leadership Conference August 12-14, 2009 under Commissioners (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of July 14, 2009 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
  - a) No one wishing to speak.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting. The new appointment to the Board, Karen Mulari was in attendance; discussed the progression of the new building in Fergus Falls.
    - ii) Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting.
    - iii) Attended the Human Services Committee meeting. Discussed unallotment and the effect on the budget.
  - b) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the Children's Initiative. Unallotment will not affect funding; mental health issues for children 0-5 years old was discussed.
    - ii) Attended the Western Area City County Coop meeting. The audit was successful and the Bush Foundation gave a presentation regarding grants.
    - iii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting in Fergus Falls. Discussed bidding proposals for the food programs, and the upcoming audit by the State of Minnesota.
    - iv) Attended the ribbon cutting for the canoe trail in Frazee.
    - v) Winter Trails. A grant was received for additional snowmobile trails; there will be more trails to maintain this year.
    - vi) Attended the Becker County Historical Society meeting. Discussed high utility bills, candidates for election, the clothes washing demonstration at the Fair, a new logging movie to debut in September at the Community Center, half of the 300 visitors last month were for research, and they will have open museum for kids in August.
    - vii) Attended the Natural Resource timber auction. Prices were lower.
  - c) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Soil and Water Conservation District meeting. Distributed pictures of a current weed problem at a private property and native plantings in City ponds.
    - ii) Wild Rice Watershed. They did not receive the Federal Grant they applied for but they will apply again.
    - iii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting. Discussed the percentage of increases for next year and budget concerns. Mahnomen County is requesting their amount be lowered because of their loss of tax capacity.

- iv) Attended the Pelican Watershed tour of the Floyd Lake area. Discussed the sediment and phosphorus going into the streams. It was suggested that they apply for funding through the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- d) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
  - i) Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting. Discussed issues with grooming the snowmobile trails, loosing a groomer in the Cormorant area, the need to maintain the trails we already have, and the possibility of privatizing the trail grooming in the future.
  - ii) Attended the Highway Committee meeting. Discussed the budget concerns and the final payoff on construction projects.
- e) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
  - i) Attended the Tribal Issues Conference in Walker. Fourteen counties were present. Discussed children placement concerns with counties, tax collected from casinos in counties, and October will be another summit to discuss further issues brought up at this meeting.
  - ii) Attended the West Central Juvenile Detention Center meeting. Becker County needs to approve two Resolutions that will be brought to the next Board meeting; the bylaws will be changed to reflect a 66% vote needed by the committee rather than 100% and the pre-purchase of beds agreed upon for Becker County of 3.5 beds payable monthly. This year's budget deficit will be Clay County's responsibility.
- 3. Appointments
  - a) It was moved and seconded to reappoint John E. Hanson as the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Manager (Nelson, Schram), carried
- 4. It was moved and seconded to approve attendance at the Association of Minnesota Counties Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids on August 12-14, 2009 (Bellefeuille, 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 two over 90 day claims; Network Center Communications for \$53.25 due to invoice error by the company; and Goodin Company for \$.85 due to invoice error (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
- 2. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Natural Resource Management requests for survey work quotes for the Maves property in Frazee, the temporary timber sale extension policy change and the increase to the annual fee for recreational cabin lease fees.
- 3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway requests for final acceptance for road projects on Resolution 07-09-2B and acceptance of Bridge Bond Grants on Resolutions 07-09-2C and 07-09-2D.
- 4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance request for the purchase and installation of an updated R-507 condensing unit for the Jail Kitchen walk in freezer from Tweeton Refrigeration in the amount of \$1,969 plus tax (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
- 5. Discussion was held on the West Central Juvenile Detention Center and the commitment from Becker County to the plan for 3.5 beds for 2010 for a total of \$255,000 to be paid monthly. This is to start September 1, 2009.

#### Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve abatements PIN 28.8116.000, Shell Lake Township for \$124 and PIN 29.8025.000, Silver Leaf Township for \$54 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Red River Basin Commission

1. Janeen Stenso, Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Outreach Coordinator, gave an update on RRBC activities.
2. Brad Wentz, Highway Engineer was appointed the contact point for Becker County for gathering information for the long term flood solutions in the Red River Basin.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-09-2F supporting the Red River Basin Natural Resource Framework Plan in principle as a guideline for moving forward with a shared vision for the future (Nelson, Schram), carried.

#### Human Services

1. Transit Resolution 07-09-2A and one Transit claim over 90 days was added to the agenda.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Purchase of Service Agreement – Home and Community Based Services (CK Home Health Care, Inc., Nutrition Services, Inc., Tender Hearts Home Care and White Earth Home Care) (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Purchase of Service Agreement – Community Support Services (School District #22, Stellher Human Services, and Becker County Human Services; and School District #22, Lakeland Mental Health Services, and Becker County Human Services) (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Assistance Reports (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Schram, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Child and Family Services Report (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Schram), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Resolution 07-09-2A to execute an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in Becker County and to provide a local share of 15% of the total operating cost and 20% of the total capital costs (Bellefeuille, Schram), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims including the over 90 day claim for Matt Casey for \$434.68 (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.

#### Planning and Zoning

1. Planning Commission Recommendations, July 21, 2009: First Order of Business: Danny Olson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for a 3.1 acre tract to be subdivided from 36.55 acres located on Upper Cormorant Lake across the road from Rossman Acres in Cormorant Township based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Bellefeuille, Knutson), carried.

2. Second Order of Business: Becky Hastad. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the preliminary plat consisting of six (6) lots and a change of zone from agricultural to residential for the platted area located adjacent to the plat known as Wabaunaquat in Maple Grove Township based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. Third Order of Business: Lee Carlson. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the certificate of survey for three lots and the change of zone from agricultural to residential for the two smaller lots (Tract B and Tract C) for the property located at slightly north of the intersection of State Hwy 34 and SW Height of Land Drive in Height of Land Township based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
4. Fourth Order of Business: Tim and Linda Bauer. It was moved and seconded to concur with Planning and Zoning to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for two tracts of land for the property located on Eagle Lake at 10942 Eagle Lake Road in Burlington Township based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
5. Fifth Order of Business: Informational Meeting. The next Informational Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2009 at 8:00 am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Main Courthouse.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-09-2E implementing a six month moratorium on the expansion or replacement of existing licensed resorts in the Shoreland Districts (1000 feet from the OHW of any lake or 300 feet from any stream), effective immediately and applicable to all existing applications not yet finally acted upon or fully disposed of by the Becker County Planning and Zoning Department with the understanding that the moratorium may be lifted sooner than six months if the deliberations are completed and the Commissioners are satisfied with any changes in the ordinances will correct the situation (Schram, Nelson), carried.
7. Planning and Zoning will notify by letter those resorts affected by Resolution 07-09-2E.

#### Natural Resource Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the survey work quote to split a parcel of tax-forfeited land in unplatted Frazee City from Advanced Surveying & Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$890 (Schram, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the temporary change in the timber sale extension policy that upon written application, all timber sales that are due to expire on or before December 31, 2009 and where the predominant species is aspen, be eligible for a one-year extension expiring January 1, 2010. The sale extension fee of ten percent of the uncut balance shall be waived and payment of the sale balance shall be deferred a maximum of one year or until the sale is activated whichever occurs first. (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve increasing the annual recreational cabin lease fee due for renewal on January 1, 2010 from \$155 to \$500 and the \$10 site restoration fee will no longer be collected (Schram, Nelson), carried.
4. A recap of the Timber Auction held Friday, July 24, 2009 was given.

#### Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the removal of the Bridge Bond Grants, Resolutions 07-09-2C and 07-09-2D (Nelson, Schram), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-09-2B, Projects S.A.P. 03-639-13; 03-641-04; 03-643-08; and 03-656-03 to accept said completed projects and to authorize final payment in the amount of \$5,000 to Central Specialties, Inc. (Nelson, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. A letter informing Central Specialties, Inc. that one final completed project was below their usual level of performance will be sent by the County Engineer.
4. A construction update was given.

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