

## REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED

### BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

#### Agenda/Minutes

1. a. Meeting presided over by Board Chair Knutson. All Commissioners in attendance; Board Clerk, Patty Swenson, and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance.
  - c. There was a moment of silence in observance of 9/11.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012, with the requested changes. (Nelson, Schram), carried.

#### Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
  - a. Clarence Suvanto inquired as to the County's intent in reference to the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area's (DMRA) proposal to the City to re-establish Detroit Mountain as a recreational area, and noted he is opposing the County's involvement, unless it is proven that it won't take money from the taxpayers. He also referenced the County's status of the application to the State for the 2012 Capital Project Grant Program for the Solid Waste Facility and Recycling Program.
  - b. Barb Halbakken-Fischburg, representing Lake Detroiters, noted that the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) meeting held by the City on August 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended. She requested the County hold a similar meeting and to also include funding for AIS in the budget, as the County moves forward in approving the levy for 2013.
  - c. Terry Kalil, representing the Coalition of Lake Associations, noted that with the Board scheduled to approve the levy for 2013 today at this meeting, and the AIS Task Force not scheduled to meet until September 17<sup>th</sup>, she urged the Board to include funding for AIS in the budget for 2013.
  - d. Commissioner Skarie requested an explanation from Terry Kalil in reference to a misrepresentation of him in the Coalition of Lake Association's newsletter recently. Ms. Kalil offered to speak outside of the meeting with Commissioner Skarie at a later time. Commissioner Skarie preferred the explanation be given at this meeting as a matter of public record. Board Chair Knutson deferred further discussion and the meeting continued.
2. Reports and Correspondence:
  - a. Commissioner Skarie:
    - i. Reported on the following meetings: Human Services, Environmental Affairs Committee, and Becker County Extension Service.

- b. Commissioner Okeson:
    - i. Reported on the following meetings: Safety Committee and noted there will be a disaster drill in Frazee at 6:00 p.m., on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Commissioner Knutson:
    - i. Reported on the following meetings: Environmental Affairs Committee, Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC), Mahube, and attended meeting with Commissioner Schram and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in reference to AIS.
  - d. Commissioner Schram:
    - i. Reported on the following meetings: Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC), West Central/Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, Heartland Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail, Agri-Business Tractor Event, and attended meeting with Commissioner Knutson and the DNR in reference to AIS.
  - e. Commissioner Nelson:
    - i. Reported on the following meeting: Becker County Extension Service.
3. Appointments: There were none.

Auditor-Treasurer: Ryan Tangen presented:

- 1. Licenses and Permits: There were none.
- 2. Discussion on the Proposed Tax Levy for 2013 was deferred to the Finance Committee portion of the meeting.

Finance Committee: Ryan Tangen presented:

- 1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Claims, Over-90 Day Claims, and Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
  - a. Over 90-Day Claims:
    - i. Essentia Health in the amount of \$532.38 due to process of inmate health charges.
    - ii. Thomas Fire and Safety Equipment in the amount of \$25.75 due to lack of invoice.
  - b. Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
    - i. 08/28/12 in the amount of \$24,351.20
    - ii. 09/05/12 in the amount of \$178,804.08
 (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
- 2. Discussion was held in reference to the Tax Levy for 2013 and the request to include funding for AIS. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-1C, to establish a proposed tax levy of \$18,592,732, representing a 3.00% levy increase and increase of \$50,000 designated for funding Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). (Nelson, Okeson), carried.  
Roll Call: Nelson – Yea; Skarie – Yea; Schram – Yea; Knutson – Nay; Okeson – Yea.
- 3. There was general discussion in reference to County Program Aid (CPA) and possible program reductions if the CPA is reduced.

4. Jon Thomsen presented and discussion was held in reference to Resolution 09-12-1A, to approve the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Tax Levy for 2013. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-1A, to approve the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Tax Levy in the amount of \$175,633 for 2013, without the requested 34% increase. (Skarie, Schram), carried. Roll Call: Nelson – Nay; Skarie – Yea; Okeson – Nay; Knutson – Yea; Schram – Yea.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-1B, with the requested changes, to hire a part-time Information Technology Analyst. (Skarie, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve purchases for the Law Library, as presented, at an amount up to \$10,000, which includes the amount previously authorized of \$4,230. (Schram, Okeson), carried.

Highway: Brad Wentz presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-1D, to authorize the request for an advance of up to \$450,000 in County State Aid Highway Construction Project Funds, in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500. Subp. 9, and as outlined in said resolution. (Okeson, Schram), carried.

Human Services: Nancy Nelson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agreement with Detroit Lakes School and Stellher Human Services, Inc. to provide community support services to middle school students with a serious emotional disturbance and their families, for the 2012-2013 school year. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the out-of-state travel for one (1) supervisor to attend the National Council on Family Relations training in Phoenix, Arizona, with the employee paying for the flight, lodging, and meals; and for two (2) child protection workers to attend the Justice for Child Victims with Disabilities training in Bismarck, North Dakota, as presented. (Skarie, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims for Human Services, Community Health, and Transit. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
4. Nancy Nelson provided a Chemical Dependency presentation, outlining statistics for Becker County. Diane Schlotman and Heather Penfield also provided information on chemical dependency and the Drug Court Program.

Environmental: Steve Skoog presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-1E, to approve the Contract Addendum of the Solid Waste Transportation Contract, dated August 12, 2008, with STS Trucking and to extend said contract until November 30, 2012. (Okeson, Schram), carried.
2. Steve Skoog presented information on the 2012 Capital Project Grant Program, noting that Becker County scored 69 out of a possible 100 points for the Solid Waste Facility and Recycling Program, with a request for \$1,153,025.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update: Moriya Rufer, Becker County AIS Coordinator presented:

1. Ms. Rufer provided an update and summary of the AIS program for 2012. The AIS Task Force will be meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and will put together their recommendations for 2013. She will provide a final report to the Board at the end of summer. She also provided AIS coordinator options for 2013 and requested an extension of her contract, due to expire at the end of September, allowing for the completion of projects, etc.. It was moved and seconded to approve the extension of the contract with Moriya Rufer, Becker County AIS Coordinator, until October 12, 2012. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.

Administration Team Update: Steve Skoog presented:

1. Steve Skoog provided a review of the Administrative Team minutes from August 29, 2012 and September 5, 2012.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve per diem's, for the Commissioner's attendance at the County Administrator interviews held on July 27, 2012 and August 16, 2012. (Skarie, Schram), carried.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Swenson  
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Board Clerk

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Knutson  
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Board Chair