

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, October 9, 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; County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
b. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012, with the requested changes. (Okeson, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Clarence Suvanto spoke in reference to the Open Forum policy, requesting that citizens be allowed to ask questions after a department head has presented during the regular board meeting. Board Chair Knutson stated that this generally would be afforded. Mr. Suvanto also spoke in reference to rotation of auditing and assessing officials, voter identification amendment discussion, and the re-construction of Washington Avenue.
 - b. Tom Lavnty, resident of County Highway 119, presented his concerns in reference to the amount of dust coming off the road and is requesting this be resolved. Board Chair Knutson presented information on the history of what has been done and noted that a traffic re-count will be done and based on those findings, the issue would be resolved accordingly. It was also noted that due to the drought many of the roads are having this issue and that Dust Control is in the budget for 2013.
2. Reports and Correspondence:
 - a. Commissioner Knutson:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Environmental, Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC), and attended the Tri-Powers Meeting in Frazee.
 - b. Commissioner Schram:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Sheriff's Committee, Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC), Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Forum, Becker County Council on Aging, and Highway Committee.
 - c. Commissioner Nelson:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Forum and Lake Park Re-Design Committee. He noted also that the Extension Committee met with Beverly Durgan, the Dean of the University of Minnesota Extension.

- d. Commissioner Skarie:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Sunnyside, Becker County Historical Society, and Human Services Committee.
 - e. Commissioner Okeson:
 - i. Reported on the following meeting: Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Forum and Highway Committee.
3. Appointments: There were none.
4. Discussion on Payments to the University of Minnesota-Extension:
- a. Commissioner Nelson reported that the Extension Committee met with the Dean of Extension, Beverly Durgan, and that she was very understanding and sympathetic to the issues and concerns in reference to the hiring process of the Becker County 4-H Program Coordinator position. She assured the committee that steps have already been taken to make improvements for the future. It was moved and seconded to reinstate the payment process to the University of Minnesota-Extension. (Nelson, Skarie), carried.
 - b. Commissioner Nelson also welcomed Kari Hendrickx, the newly hired 4-H Program Coordinator for Becker County.

Auditor-Treasurer: Ryan Tangen presented:

1. Licenses and Permits:
- a. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 10-12-1A, to approve the Gambling Application for Exempt Permit to conduct a Raffle for the Sanford Health Foundation North, on January 26, 2013, at the Tri-Lakes Roadhouse, 11740 County Highway #5, Lake Park, MN, in Cormorant Township. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to approve the new 3.2 Beer Off-Sale License for Glenn D. Werner, Outback Engineering Inc. – Osage Country Market – Osage Township. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
 - c. It was moved and seconded to approve the new Tobacco License for Glenn D. Werner, Outback Engineering Inc. – Osage Country Market – Osage Township. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
 - d. It was moved and seconded to approve the Tobacco License Renewals for:
 - i. Richard B. Sherbrooke – Cormorant Store Inc. – Cormorant Township;
 - ii. Daryl Moran – Chief Corner Store – Pine Point Township;
 - iii. Roger L. Nelson – Elbow Lake Store & Bar – Round Lake Township;
 - iv. Jody A. Beaudine – Lakes One Stop Shop – Cormorant Township;
 - v. Richard Bartelt – Four Corners – Erie Township;
 - vi. DelHeln Inc. – Randy’s Lake Eunice – Lake Eunice Township;
 - vii. Patricia J. Maloney – The Cormorant Pub, Inc. – Cormorant Township. (Schram, Okeson), carried.

2. Voter I.D. Discussion:

- a. Ryan Tangen reported that there are a lot of unknowns at this point in reference to the voter identification amendment on the ballot, and urged everyone to be well-educated when it comes time to vote on this issue. He noted that it depends on what approach is used, but this has the potential to cost Becker County up to \$500,000 to implement. He could work on some numbers, but would be difficult to come up with a more exact figure at this point, as it would be all speculation.

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. Culligan, Inc. in the amount of \$7,758.92 due to no invoice received.
 - ii. Dennis Hopman in the amount of \$40.00 due to missing invoice.
 - iii. Janke's Sew and Vac in the amount of \$65.19 due to misplaced invoice.
 - b. Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
 - i. 09/26/12 in the amount of \$183,666.31
 - ii. 10/02/12 in the amount of \$34,300.21(Skarie, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Cash Comparison and Investment Summary for August 2012. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to set the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the courthouse. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the application for PartnerSHIP 4 Health Bike Rack grant funding, with the costs 100% reimbursable through this program. (Okeson, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for a 2013 seasonal rental outhouse for the Wolf Lake Sportsman Park, at an estimated cost of \$100/month. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.
6. Roads/Snowmobile trail repair will be discussed further at the Natural Resource Management meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012.

Assessor: Steve Carlson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the abatements for:
 - a. PIN #49.0540.556 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$250.00;
PIN #49.0540.556 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$536.00;
PIN #49.0540.556 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$558.00,
due to when homestead was applied to the new owners, the linkage to the previous owner wasn't removed.
 - b. PIN #49.0785.000 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$142.00,
due to a fire destroyed the home in March of 2012.

- c. PIN #49.2023.000 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$20.00;
PIN #49.2023.000 in the city of Detroit Lakes for the amount of \$72.00,
due to a fire destroyed the home in September of 2011.
(Schram, Skarie), carried.

Environmental: Steve Skoog presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 10-12-1C, to approve the Solid Waste Fee Schedule changes to be made to the Annual Solid Waste Assessment and Transfer Station Tipping Fees, as outlined on Attachment A "2013 Solid Waste Assessment Rates" and Attachment B "Becker County Transfer Station Tipping Fees". (Skarie, Nelson), carried.
2. Discussion was held in reference to creating a Transfer Station Building Project Review Committee and it was the consensus of the Board to wait until after the election to make the appointments, with the recommendation to have at least two commissioners on the committee.

Sheriff: Notification of Resignation/Retirement (October 30, 2012): Sheriff Tim Gordon presented:

1. Sheriff Tim Gordon presented a summary and update of goals and projects completed during his tenure as the Becker County Sheriff, beginning in 2003, and thanked the Board and staff of Becker County, for their support and commitment over the years. He then presented his letter of resignation, requesting acceptance of his resignation as Becker County Sheriff, effective October 30, 2012. Board members expressed their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Sheriff Tim Gordon's 34 plus years of service to Becker County. It was moved and seconded to respectfully, but with regret, accept the resignation of Sheriff Tim Gordon, effective October 30, 2012. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.
2. Following, there was a brief discussion on the process of replacement of the Sheriff's position. County Administrator, Jack Ingstad provided options, including:
 - a. Board can choose to make appointment for remainder of term.
 - b. No action and Chief Deputy would assume the position.
 - c. Special Election, which is not available.
3. County Attorney, Mike Fritz, noted that the Chief Deputy, Kelly Shannon, could assume the role of Sheriff in the interim, until an appointment is made. It was the consensus of the Board to have further discussion at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

Human Services: Nancy Nelson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the new waiver agreement with Harstad/Braun Home and Community Based Services, for adult foster care, respite care, and adult day care services. (Nelson, Skarie), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for initiatives related to childhood immunizations. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the amendments/addendums for the following agreements and/or contracts:
 - a. Family Resource Center (relative search program), with an increase of \$12,500, for a total contract amount of \$72,500 for 2012;
 - b. Family Resource Center (Family Group Decision Making), with an increase of \$42,500, for a total contract amount of \$144,000 for 2012;
 - c. Lakes Crisis and Resource Center (parenting time), with an increase of \$70,000, for a total contract amount of \$200,000 for 2012;
 - d. Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, (increase in-home services), with an increase of \$140,000 for a total contract amount of \$482,000;
 - e. Wings Family Supportive Services, to correct the contract language of the amount of liability insurance the provider is required to provide, and to reflect that the provider does have the correct amount of coverage;
 - f. Stellher Human Services, to correct the amount of liability insurance the provider is required to have, and to reflect the provider does have the correct amount in force;
 - g. Minnesota Department of Health for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention and Birth Defects, to offer resources to provide follow-up for children who do not pass their hearing screen or are identified with a birth defect.(Skarie, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Land of the Dancing Sky for long-term care consultations, with a County obligation of \$17,990.65. (Schram, Skarie), carried.
5. Information was presented on the Minnesota Department of Health Home Visiting Expansion Program, an opportunity for Becker County to contract for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) for a 2-1/2 year grant in the amount of \$658,000. Additional information will be presented as the process moves forward.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims for Human Services, Community Health, and Transit. (Schram, Okeson), carried.

Closed Session: Pending Litigation – Union Grievance: Resolution 10-12-1B: Nancy Grabanski and County Attorney, Mike Fritz, presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 10-12-1B, to close the meeting pursuant to attorney-client privilege, in accordance with MN Stat. 13D.05 sub 3(b), and as outlined in said resolution. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.
2. Closed Session.
3. It was moved and seconded to open the meeting. (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Open Session:

1. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, to sign the proposed settlement agreement as discussed in Closed Session. (Schram, Okeson), carried.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. (Schram, Knutson), carried.

/s/ Jack Ingstad
Jack Ingstad
Board Clerk

/s/ Larry Knutson
Larry Knutson
Board Chair