

SPECIAL MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2014 at 6:01 P.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Open Meeting/Agenda:

1. a. Meeting presided over by Board Chair Okeson. All commissioners in attendance; County Administrator, Jack Ingstad; and Minute Taker, Nancy Grabanski.  
b. Pledge of Allegiance.  
c. The agenda was approved by consensus and the County Administrator stated the Sheriff will be requesting to add Number 6: Request to Submit for Grant
2. County Administrator, Jack Ingstad presented information on the proposed budget, discussed major revenue changes and major expenditure changes and that the proposed levy increase will be under 1% taking into account new construction.
3. Board Chair Okeson opened up the meeting for comments on budget presentation. Detroit Lakes Council Member Marty Waller made comments that he is hoping the County Board is supportive to the purchase of ARMER Radios for Firefighters and Rescue squads. Detroit Lakes Council Member Ron Zeman had questions regarding the jail and how transport costs would be handled if an inmate needs to be transported outside of Becker County. Sheriff Shannon stated by state statute the County is responsible for all transfer of inmates so if the jail is full the County would transport the inmate. Clarence Suvanto of Spruce Grove stated he had concerns that not all new construction needed permitting and therefore is not always found by local assessor and would not be found until 5 year rotation and that he supported True County Assessing. Commissioner Knutson and Commissioner Nelson both stated that the rotation does not have anything to do with True County Assessment but that they understood his concern regarding permitting. Mr. Suvanto also asked why the solid waste assessment did not have a number listed in the presentation. Steve Skoog, County Environmental Service Director stated they are estimating that the solid waste assessment would bring in up to \$500,000 of revenue. Commissioner Nelson commented that the assessment fee will provide funding for the Perham incinerator which provides a better way to secure and handle garbage. Commissioner Knutson commented this is a long term solution. Public comment was closed.
4. It was moved and seconded to authorize \$273,904.00 for the purchase of ARMER Radios for the Firefighters and Rescue squads. (Nelson, Knutson) carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to authorize the County Administrator to send the 60 day notice of termination of service contract to the jail consultant. (Grimsley, Nelson) carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to Add Number 6: Sheriff Grant to the Board agenda. (Nelson, Knutson) carried: It was moved and seconded to apply for a grant for squad computer as presented. (Knutson, Skarie) carried.

Board Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting.

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Jack Ingstad  
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County Administrator

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Board Chair