

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, November 21, 2023, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Nelson. Commissioners in attendance: Nelson, Okeson, Vareberg, Jepson and Meyer, County Administrator Pat Oman, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda with the addition of appointing the County Assessor to the Commissioners Appointments and adding Resolution 11-23-2L – LRIP Grant Support to Highway (Jepson, Okeson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of November 7, 2023, with the requested changes (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda items and remove the Resolutions to vote on separately (Okeson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2I – Donation Acceptance from Betty Bigger (Okeson, Meyer) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2J – Act as Sponsor for the Northwoods Trail Reapers, Wolf Pack, ULTRA, and Midnite Riders Snowmobile Grants (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Bob Bjorklund – Bjorklund Compensation Consulting – Discussion on Classification and Compensation Plan.
2. Open Forum:
 - None
3. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA, Extension, Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
 - Commissioner Okeson – NACo Transportation, PLMSW.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Partnership 4 Health, Human Services, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Joint Powers, LARL.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Safety.

4. Appointments:

- Motion and second to re-appoint Mike Foley and Lyle Hansen to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (Nelson, Okeson) carried.
- Motion and second to appoint Anthony Vigen starting December 1, 2023, as County Assessor to fill the remaining term thru December 31, 2024 due to a vacancy (Okeson, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Pat Oman.

1. Report.

- Lakes Country Service Cooperative Election Ballot.
- CHIPS Advertisement.
- Coroner Advertised, still outstanding.
- Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Update.

2. Budget 2024 Update.

3. Legislative Platform - Ideas independent of AMC or MRC

- Reimbursement of sales tax paid on construction of highway building.

4. Sunnyside Care Center ECPN Application.

5. Commissioners Holiday Event. Flexible with date of event.

6. Special General Fund Update.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson and Nicole Ecker.

1. Motion and second to authorize finance to pay year end claims (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2A – Accept Voter Grant in the amount of \$8,986.40 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2B – Absentee Ballot Board for 2024 (Okeson, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2C – Hiring of Election Judges for 2024 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2H – Tax System Upgrade in the amount of \$446,960 from the Special General Fund (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2K – Which Amend Resolution 10-21-1H (ERP and Agenda Software) to remove Tyler Technologies (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Motion and second to approve Personnel Policy 7.6 - Working out of Classification addition (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve Software Purchase in the amount of \$35,761.50 (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2D– LRIP Grant Support – Cormorant Twp for improvements on East Lake Ida Lane (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2E – LRIP Grant Support – Lakeview Twp for improvements on 130th Street and on 270th Ave (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2F – Revocation of County Road 141 between Trunk Highway 34 and County State Aid Highway 25 to Detroit Twp (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2G – LRIP Grant Support – City of Audubon for improvements on 3rd St and on Plover St (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-23-2L – LRIP Grant Support – Callaway Twp for improvements on 240th Avenue (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Community Based Comprehensive Plan Update.
2. Notice – Spring Creek – Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing on November 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.

/s/

Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/

Barry Nelson
Board Chair