

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, September 3, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

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

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda with Planning & Zoning Comp Plan as discussion only (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of August 20, 2024, with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items – Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, July 2024 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, and TriMin Contract for Board Ratification. Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, and NDSU Agreement for Nursing Student Clinical Experiences. Land Use: 2024 Bud Capping Quote Approval, 2024 Fall Timber Auction Tracts, and Snowmobile Purchase Approval. Sheriff: Federal Boating Safety Equipment Grant Application. (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Willis Mattison – Izaak Walton League-Comp Plan Hearing didn't allow for proper input.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA Sub Committee, Planning Commission.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, Joint Powers, Sheriff, NRM.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, DAC, Dancing Sky.
 - Okeson – PLMSW, Environmental Services, Planning Commission.
 - Vareberg – None.
3. Appointments
 - None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.

- Star Tribune opinion writer was in town discussing rural counties and flying the new Minnesota state flag. There is a photo of Carrie holding the old Minnesota state flag.
- Lobbyist cost – reaching out to Clearwater and Mahnomen counties to share the cost. May attend their board meetings.
- Outstanding Union contracts – LELS Supervisors (new) and LELS Deputy/Sargeant.

2. Red Line Union Contracts: Human Services Supervisors and LELS Jailers & Dispatchers.

- Motion and second to approve the 3-year contracts for Human Services Supervisors and LELS Jailers & Dispatchers with the clarification of the \$200 for part-time employee insurance to be used towards Becker County Insurance Plans (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-1E – Archeological Study on Land Parcels 327017000, 327020000, and 32725000, not to exceed \$5,000 with an equal funding match from White Earth Tribal Nation (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Becker Soil & Water Conservation District: presented by Bryan Malone.

1. Crow Wing River – Draft Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (aka 1W1P) summary presentation. Return in November with a resolution for implementation.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-1A – MnDOT Contract Agreement-1057534 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-1B – Heartland Trail Cooperative Construction Agreement (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog and Mitch Lundeen.

1. Motion and second to approve the Dunton Locks Shelter Bid to Bristlin Construction in the amount of \$477,6654 plus a contingency of \$23,883.25 for a total of \$501,548.25 with the ability of the Board Chair or County Administrator to sign change orders (Okeson, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-1C – Accept Donated Parcel # 210044000 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-1D – 6 Month Time Limited Full-Time Investigator (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Commissioners Jepson and Okeson.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 08/28/2024.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commissioner Recommendation to approve for Brandon Shipman – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a retaining wall (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	John Okeson
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	County Administrator		Board Chair