

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, March 18, 2025, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Meyer. Commissioners in attendance: Meyer, Jepson, Hansen, Vareberg 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 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of March 4, 2025, with the requested changes (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to pull Highway: Resolution 03-25-2D – CSAH 22 Parking Restrictions and Land Use: Parks & Rec – Picnic Table Purchasing Limit and approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items, pulling – Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, License List Renewals for the following: Combination On/Off Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Jack Pines Resort – Jacob Prouty – Carsonville Twp, On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Detroit Mountain – Tom Thiel 0 Erie Twp, Detroit Country Club – Thomas Dolby – Lake View Twp, Parallel 46 – Lynne Stockstad – Cormorant Twp, Sunlite Bar & Grill – Wayne Crawford – Detroit Twp, Seasonal On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Green Valley Golf Course – Michael Levin – Cormorant Twp, Off-Sale – Renewal: 4 Corners – Josh Swangler – Erie Twp, Cormorant Bottle Shop – Rod Einerson – Cormorant Twp, 3.2 Off Sale – Renewal: County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lakeview Twp, Temporary 1 Day On-Sale Liquor License – Detroit Lakes Jaycees (at Soo Pass Ranch) – April Asleson – July 12, 2025, Resolution 03-25-2B – Cormorant Lions Club Raffle – August 16, 2026 – At the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, DHS Civil Right Assurance Agreement (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Barry Schroder – Proposing to open board meetings with a prayer.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Zoning Ordinance Committee, MRC, Sheriff.

- Commissioner Jepson – Opioid Advisory Committee, Human Services, Senior Council.
- Commissioner Hansen – Zoning Ordinance Committee, Strategic Planning, RAC, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, NRM.
- Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, NRM, Lakes County Services Co-op, Dancing Sky.

3. Appointments

- Commissioner Hansen would like to apply to the MAGIC (Minnesota Association of Government Investing for Counties) Board.

4. Eagle Lake Access Discussion.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:

- Joint Governance Meeting April 1 at 7:00 am.
- County Veterans Service Officer Update: Prep work was done prior to his departure. Interviews start next week.
- Child Care Grant screening process is starting.
- Board Road Tour to be done after a board meeting in the spring.
- Legislative Updates on Paid Family Leave, Earned Safe & Sick Leave, Compacts between Tribe and Government.
- Spring Township Meeting – March 27 at 18:30 in the Jury Room.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein.

1. MN DOC – Supervision Practices assisting with cost saving for Becker County in 2024 update.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren and Shannon Jemelka.

1. Motion and second to approve the Opioid RFP Recommendations of \$36,400 to Becker County Public Health for prevention, \$20,000 to Becker County Human Services-Behavior Health Unit for treatment, and \$216,500 to F5 Project for treatment for a total of \$272,900 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Fraud Prevention Investigator (FPI) Position from Part Time to Full Time beginning July 1 pending continued state funding (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the 2025 Computer Replacement in the amount of \$70,599 with \$39,720 coming from a Human Services Grant (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-25-2A – Tax Forfeit Land Sale 05-02-2025 (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Highway: Consent Agenda Item.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-25-2D – CSAH 22 Parking Restrictions clarifying the date of the parking restrictions (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

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

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-25-2C – Supporting Commitment with Detroit Lakes to Develop and Implement Recreational and Facility Improvements at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area and Mount View Recreation Area (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to move forward with the Trail Routing Study RFP and Contractual agreement with Partnership4Health for up to \$15,000 for services rendered to create a Heartland Trail Corridor Study (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to authorize to purchase 8 picnic tables up to \$11,500 which may be reduced by local donations (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the Spring 2025 Timber Auction Tracts for 15 tracts offered on May 2nd Timber Sale (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Landowner Agreement and Certification of Inclusion with the DNR for a Bat Habitat Conservation Plan with County Attorney review (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	David Meyer
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	County Administrator		Board Chair