

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, April 15, 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 with the following revisions: remove Consent Agenda item #6- Human Services: Regional Collaborative Agreement re: IQ, and add Resolution 04-25-21 – Continuation of Limited Term Full-Time Investigator Position to the Sheriff's agenda items (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of April 1, 2025, with the requested changes (Nelson, Jepson) 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, License List Renewals for the following: On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Cormorant Pub – Eric Guler – Cormorant Twp, Sunlite Bar & Grill – Wayne Crawford – Detroit Twp, Resolution 04-25-2A – VFW Post 1676 for a premises Permit at The Roadhouse in Cormorant Twp, February Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Report, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, A to Z Vending Agreement with clarification and modification, Land Use-NRM: Approval of Tree Planting Bid, Land Use-Environmental Services: Liberty Tire Service Agreement, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of \$8,882 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Dave Schornack from Arvig.
 - Applying for a BEAD Grant Project for the 280th Ave area south of Detroit Lakes and in the Richwood and Buffalo area which would bring fiber internet services to some locations along this route who are currently unserved.
 - Requesting a Letter of Support and a pledge of \$5,000.

2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:

- Commissioner Jepson – Senior Council, Human Services.
- Commissioner Nelson – LARL, MRC, Zoning Ordinance.
- Commissioner Hansen – Eagle Lake, Zoning Ordinance.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, Safety.
- Commissioner Meyer – NW Emergency Communication Board, DAC.

3. Appointments

- County Veterans Service Officer – Anthony Mastin.
 - Motion and second to appoint Anthony Mastin as the Becker County Veterans Service Officer (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
 - Commissioner Meyer administered the Oath of Office.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:

- Assistant County Veterans Service Officer interviews beginning this week.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2C – County Surveyor Appointment of Josh Pfeffer (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

3. Legislative and potential budget cuts update.

4. Strategic Planning Update.

- Motion and second to contract with Ryan Selock for Strategic Planning up to \$9,750 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

5. Motion and second to approve a Letter of Support to Arvig for the BEAD Grant application (Nelson, Jepson) carried. Recommend the request for \$5,000 go through EDA should the grant be approved.

Becker County Ag Inspector Annual Report: presented by Brandon Gill.

1. Update on various programs including the Weed Free Gravel Pit Program, Cooperative Weed Management Area, Enforcement of Minnesota Noxious Weed Laws and proctoring Pesticide Exams.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Teamsters Human Services – Contract Addendum 1 – Additional Position (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2D – Dust Control Bid Award to Corbin Excavating Inc of Sebeka, MN in the amount of \$285,200 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2E – Bituminous Material Quote Award to Flint Hills Resources, St. Paul, MN, Emulsion Oils – CRS-2P for \$578/Ton (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2F – Contract Bid Award 60727 to Central Specialties in the amount of \$1,780,403.80 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2G – Grant/Gift Acceptance from the MCPA of a Flammable Material Storage Shed and Lithium Battery Fires Suppression Kit with a total value of \$15,200 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2H – Personnel Request – Career Ladder – Full-Time Account Clerk II Position (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2B – 2025 MN Annual Boat & Water Safety Grant (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
 - Seasonal Boat & Water Staff will be funded by the grant.
2. Motion and second to approve Leadership Training utilizing Public Safety Funds not to exceed \$10,000 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Mental Health Training from Freedom Behavior Mental Health, Inc. utilizing Public Safety Funds not to exceed \$20,000 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Out of State Travel/Training for two deputies for Bearcat training and inspection at an estimated cost of \$2,400 (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-2I – Continuation of Limited Term Full-Time Investigator for 3-months (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
6. Ceremonial Oath of Office for New Deputies Ethan Wothe and Derek Hanson.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

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