

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, May 6, 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 addition: Human Services Claims to the Consent Agenda (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of April 15, 2025, with the requested changes (Jepson, Hansen) 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, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Auditor-Treasurer: License List Renewals for the following: Tubing License – K & K Tubing – Roger Klemm – Erie Twp, Charlie’s Tubing – Charles Pihlaja – Erie Twp, On/Off Sale – Renewal – Two Inlets Country Store – Robb Peterson – Two Inlets Twp, Resolution 05-25-1A – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a Raffle at Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club in Lake Eunice Twp, March Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Report, Land Use – Parks & Rec: North Country Trail Funding Request, Lawn Mower Purchase, Land Use- Environmental Services: Resolution 05-25-1F – Waste Hauler License - Smith Pro Services, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of \$5,668, Administration: Financial Planning Contract with Ryan Selock, Sheriff: Cellebrite Inc. Upgrade, Donation of Old Computers (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Jane Neubauer – Partnership 4 Health. Update on Apple Tree expansion in Detroit Lakes.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA, Fair Board, Planning & Zoning.

- Commissioner Hansen – Pelican River Watershed District, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority, Zoning Ordinance, Planning & Zoning, Environmental.
- Commissioner Nelson – Zoning Ordinance, Sheriff, Courthouse, NRM, Lakeland Mental Health, Buffalo/Red Watershed District.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, NRM.
- Commissioner Meyer – Fair Board, Sheriff, Courthouse, Lakes Country Service Co-Op, West Central Initiative, DAC.

3. Appointments

- Motion and second to appoint Bill Steffl to the Buffalo/Red Watershed District (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
- Pelican River Watershed District appointments will be made at the May 20th meeting.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:

- Shoutout to the DMV on the positive comments received online.
 - Old Jail walk through looking at options for renovations.
 - Joint letter from MN Inter-County Assn, AMC, and MRC – concerns of cost shifts from state to counties.
 - Assistant Veterans Service Officer offer has been made.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-1B – Family Child Care Startup Grant Distribution (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
 3. NW Region of the MN DNR Update – presented by Ben Bergey.
 4. 245th Ave Barricade Agreement – presented by Mike Engum. Roadway Easement was never recorded.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to set a Public Hearing for Off-Sale Liquor – La Bella Restaurant LLC dba Sauce'd at Swanies on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's Boardroom (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the new language in the Selection of Applicants – Veterans Preference (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the New Becker County AI Policy (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve the Changes in Employment Status Update – Career Ladder with a minimum 1.5% pay increase and allow finessing the wording of the update (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-1D – Rumble Strips – SP 003-070-021 Bid award to Allstate Pavement Recycling in the amount of \$49,424.20 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-1E – MnDOT Grant Agreement – SAP 003-607-027 in the amount of \$500,000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

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

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-1C – Hubbard County and Forest Riders Snowmobile Club Grant Support (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Trail Routing Study Proposal from Houston Engineering in the amount of \$19,964 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Gravel/Aggerate Fee Increase and Limit to \$3.00/Cubic Yard or \$4.20/Ton (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to implement a Missing Timber Scale Tickets Policy with a fee of \$10 for a missing ticket (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve the Capital Purchase Request – Organics Program for 4 30 CY Roll-Off containers from H & S Manufacturing, Inc for \$65,300 and to bring back the request for the purchase of concrete blocks (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve the Evaluation of the County Solid Waste Campus Infrastructure Needs – Professional Services Agreement with MBA Architects in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of Less Lethal Launchers & Request Shotgun Trade Ins in the amount of \$27,473.08 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a new Boat & Water Truck to replace the totaled vehicle in the amount of \$48,705.16 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. The Administrator will look at properties owned by the City of Detroit Lakes to purchase for Sheriff's Department equipment storage.
4. Motion and second to authorize the Administrator to negotiate a Lease Agreement with the City of Detroit Lakes for the Sheriff's Storage (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 04/30/2025

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Nicholas & Betsy Lewis – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a Retaining Wall (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Rory & Eric Wolff – Request a Preliminary Plat for six (6) plots to be known as Registered Land Survey #2 (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
- FUM Trust – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Non-Profit Makerspace and Woodturning School with an Onsite Hostel was tabled by the applicant at the Planning Commission.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Adam Williams – Request a Conditional Use Permit for Mining Operations with the time of operations to be Monday – Friday 0730-1700 and up to 15 acres (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Bryan & Marie Millms – Request a Conditional Use Permit for the Cultivation, Manufacture, and Wholesale of Cannabis with the condition the applicant meet the setback requirement (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
 - i. Roll Call Vote called by Commissioner Meyer: Nelson – Opposed, Jepson – In Favor, Hansen – Opposed, Meyer – In Favor, Vareberg – In Favor.

2. Zoning Ordinance Amendments

- Motion and second to approve the Requirements Regulating Cannabis: Setbacks for Cannabis businesses are subject to the following: 1,000 feet from a school, 500 feet from a church, daycare, library or a residence on an adjacent property, 500 feet from a residential treatment facility and 500 feet from a park, playground, or an athletic field. Setbacks for Cannabis Cultivation must be 100 feet from any property line or road right-of-way (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
- Requirements Regulating Retaining Walls – tabled at the Planning Commission.
- Chapter 8, Section 14 – Land Alteration Permit – To require a Conditional Use Permit for any alteration to a Public Water Course – tabled at the Planning Commission.

3. Nuisance Property Discussion.

- Discussion regarding a joint effort between the following departments: Sheriff, Planning & Zoning, Human Services, and Environmental.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 12:39 pm.

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