

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, May 20, 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: Resolution 05-25-2H Holy Roary Church Raffle at Wildflower Golf Course in Lake Eunice Twp on June 20, 2025 and to remove from the Administrator's list: Land Purchase Options – Sheriff Department and Rental Space Storage Building – Sheriff Department (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of May 6, 2025, with the requested changes (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to pull the following items from the Consent Agenda to be discussed at the end of the Administrator's items: Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Cornerstone FRC Partnership Agreement, Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Cornerstone Agreement and Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Tri County Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team; and approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items, – Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, , Auditor-Treasurer: License List: Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – Detroit Lakes Lions Club – James Granger – August 6-9, 2025 at We Fest, Resolution 05-25-2A – Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo at Meadow Lake Campsite on June 21, 2025 in Lake View Twp, Resolution 05-25-2B– Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo at Meadow Lake Campsite on July 19, 2025 in Lake View Twp, Resolution 05-25-2C – Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo at Meadow Lake Campsite on August 16, 2025 in Lake View Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Assessor: Abatements, Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Regional Collaborative Agreement QI Revision, FPI Grant Contract, Sourcewell Licensing Service 2026 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:

- All speakers are regarding the 2 appointments to the Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD) Board of Managers.
 - Chris Jasken – PRWD has become complacent. Reappoint Scott Busker and appoint a new member.
 - John Okeson – PRWD spent \$100,000 rewriting bylaws and voted it down. Reappoint Dennis Kral and appoint Jeff Lewis or John Skarie.
 - Scott Walz – Reappoint Scott Busker and appoint a new member.
 - Scott Busker – Focus on projects. Would like to be reappointed.
 - Rick Mickelson – Reappoint Dennis Kral.
 - Dennis Kral – Seeking reappointment.
 - John Skarie – Seeking appointment.
 - Bill Henke – Disappointed in the PRWD.
 - Laurie Olson – Reappoint Scott Busker and appoint Richard Lee.

2. Appointments

- Motion and second to reappoint Scott Busker to the Pelican River Watershed District to serve a 3-year term (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.
- Motion and second to reappoint Dennis Kral to the Pelican River Watershed District to serve a 3-year term (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

3. Public Hearing – Off-Sale Liquor – La Bella Restaurant LLC dba Sauce'd at Swanies.

- Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 9:07 am (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
- Notice was published, businesses were notified, and no opposition or support was received.
- Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 9:09 am (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
- Motion and second to approve the New Off-Sale Liquor License to La Bella Restaurant LLC dba Sauce'd at Swanies – James Herrman, Owner – Cormorant Twp (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

4. Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

- Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-2H – Holy Rosary Church Raffle at Wildflower Golf Course June 20, 2025 Lake Eunice Twp (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

5. Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein.

- MN DOC/Becker County – Pretrial Supervision Program – 6 Month Data Report.
 - 25 Total clients. 2 have completed Pretrial Supervision (PTS), 22 are successfully continuing PTS and 1 has been unsuccessful.

6. West Central Initiative Annual Update: presented by Rebecca Petersen and Greg Wagner.
 - In the last 17 months investment in Becker County was \$1.6 million in grants and loans.
 - Updating the 5-year plan.
7. MN DNR Heritage Forest Land: presented by Kent Wolf.
 - Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-2502D – Proposed State DNR Land Acquisition of Minnesota Heritage Forest ACQ0161298 Lands of approximately 200 acres (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
8. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Hansen – Zoning Ordinance Review, Joint Powers.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA Housing Sub Committee.
 - Commissioner Nelson – NRM, Lakeland Mental Health, LARL.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, Safety.
 - Commissioner Meyer – DAC, Partnership4Health, Historical Society, AMC Training, Lakes County Service Coop.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:
 - Attended Jeff Siegler – Let's Shape Our Future – Together Meeting.
2. No new Legislative Updates. No Budget – Special Session will be coming.
3. Financial Planning Work Session set for May 27, 2025 at 8:15 am with a Closed Session at the end relating to a land purchase discussion.
4. AMC District Meeting is on June 6th in Fergus Falls.
5. Pulled Consent Agenda Items.
 - Motion and second to approve Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Cornerstone FRC Partnership Agreement (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
 - Motion and second to approve Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Cornerstone Agreement (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
 - Motion and second to approve Human Services: Contracts & Agreements: Tri County Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve LELS Deputies Settlement Agreement (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to revise Benefits Committee Bylaws (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

- Motion and second to appoint Brent Bristlin, Holly Danielson, Jona Jacobson, Jessica Wiedenmeyer, and Tony Brahmer to the Benefits Committee (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-2E – Dunton Locks County Park – VFW Shelter Renovations Donation in the amount of \$1,500 (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-2F – Dunton Locks County Park Picnic Tables Donations in the amount of \$7,750 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-25-2G – Seasonal Tram Worker Salary in the amount of \$21/hour (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the sale of a 2012 Yamaha ATV at Public Auction and to purchase a 2025 Polaris Sportsman 570 from Okeson Offtrail Sales with the low quote of \$9,900 using grant funding to pay the difference (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Discussion.
 - Work Session after the June 3 Board Meeting.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

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