

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, July 1, 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 and removing the following from the Consent Agenda: Land Use-NRM: Disposal of County Property, Sheriff: WE Fest Civilian Traffic Control and Highway: Change Order for CSAH 7 and CSAH 80 Construction and discuss individually (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of June 17, 2025, with the requested changes (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
3. Minutes – Motion and second to approve the Board of Appeals minutes of June 16, 2025, with the requested changes (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items,– Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 07-25-1A – Detroit Lakes Youth Hockey Assn. for Pull-Tabs and Tipboard at WE Fest August 6-9, 2025, Resolution 07-25-1B – Detroit Lakes Lions Club for Bingo at WE Fest August 6-9, 2025, Resolution 07-25-1C – Detroit Lakes Lions Club for a Raffle at WE Fest August 9, 2025, May Cash Comparisons, Sales Tax, and Investment Report, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Facilities: Old Courthouse/Sheriff's Boiler Glycol System Cleaning, Sheriff: WE Fest Contract, FY26 Department of Corrections Work Release Contract (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Highway: Change Order for CSAH 7 and CSAH 80 Construction (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:

- Commissioner Hansen – PRWD, Airport, PLMSWA, Law Library, Transit, Planning & Zoning Tech Panel, Environmental, Zoning Ordinance.
- Commissioner Jepson – Benefits, EDA, Fair Board, Extension.
- Commissioner Nelson – Soil & Water, Planning & Zoning Tech Panel, Sheriff, Extension, Lakeland Mental Health.
- Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Environmental.
- Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Transit, DAC, Fair Board.

3. Appointments:

- None.

4. Tamarac NWR Update: presented by Kent Sunseth.

- Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1H – USFWS Land Acquisition (Parcel 150.323.000) Support (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. MCIT Risk Management Board Report: presented by Jim Karels.

- Insurance pool – 81 out of 87 Minnesota counties insured.
- MCIT is a resource for training.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1I: Authorizing Becker County to Join Lawsuit Seeking Injunctive Relief associated with recently Amended Minn. Stat. § 241.021 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

3. Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging: presented by Heather Pender.

- 21 Counties in NW Minnesota.
- 4 Staff in Becker County.
- Provide assistance to aging residents.

4. Report:

- Lease agreement with the City of Detroit Lakes is signed with a tentative move in date of July 17 for storage facility for the Sheriff Department.
- Waiting for the PRWD Building Agreement to be signed by the watershed.
- Department Head Meeting – Budget Kick Off.

5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1F – 2025 Taxilane pavement rehabilitation project & Terminal Apron reconstruction and expansion in the amount of \$79,910.03 contingent of federal funding (Hansen, Jepson) carried.

Human Services – Public Health: presented by Amanda Kumpula and Jason McCoy.

1. Cannabis Information.

- Delta-9 (THC)-primary intoxicant.

- i. Over 10% is considered high potency.
- Delta 8- about half as potent as Delta-9.
- CBD – non-intoxicant.
- Recent Minnesota Cannabis Legislation.
 - i. 2023 – edibles from legal hemp – 5% beverages and edibles.
 - ii. 2024 – growing a limited number of plants; use on private property.
 - iii. 2025 – retail sales beginning.
 - iv. 2026 (fall) – school prevention required.
- County can charge a registration fee.
- County shall issue retail registration and conduct compliance checks.
- County government and city/townships may work together.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve 28 shifts for WE Fest Civilian Traffic Control reimbursed by WE Fest (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the request to sell Squad Car Unit 2480 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
3. Public Safety Awards presented to Communications Officer Jacob Karasch, Sgt. Ryan Aho and Deputy Adam Winter.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1D – Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) Becker County Administration Office (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1E – Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) Becker County Sheriff's Office – POST Licensed Non-Union (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Job Descriptions for the Sheriff's Department and allow small changes to the sheriff's office administrative assistant position to be confirmed by the administrator (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Update - IT On-Call.
 - From June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, there have been 15 calls after hours.
 - i. 5 – Clearwater County, 9 – Becker County, and 1 – White Earth.

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

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-25-1G – Support of Detroit Mountain Recreation Area (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the USDA Wildlife Damage Management Agreement (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the disposal of the following county property with the sale proceeds receipted to Parks & Rec: 2013 SCAG Lawnmower, 1997 Sled Bed Trailer, 2016 GMC Pickup Truck, Fire Plow/Break Attachment, Foltz Building at Dunton Locks (Old PRWD Building) and an Aquatic Weed Conveyor (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 06-25-2025.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for Rory and Erin Wolff – Request a Final Plat for six (6) lots to be known as REGISTERED LAND SURVEY NO 2 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for Michael Anderson – Request a Final Plat for a common interest community consisting of ten (10) units to be known as IDA LAKE STORAGE (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second approve the following events at Soo Pass Ranch: MAD Summer Party – July 12, 2025, and WE Fest – August 6-9, 2025, pending all applicable agreements are entered into (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.

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