

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, August 19, 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 (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of August 5, 2025 (Jepson, Nelson) 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, 2025 Annual City TIF Reports for Detroit Lakes, Frazee, and Lake Park, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Homework Starts with Home Program Partner MOU, Land Use – Parks & Rec: Resolution 08-25-2B – 2026 JAP-MNDNR Public Water Access Maintenance Contract, NRM: Timber Permit #24-05A Contract Cancellation, Environmental Services: Resolution 08-25-2C – MN DOC/ICWC Contract, Expenditure Request – Tables for Schools to sort organics in the amount of \$12,706 using grant funds, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of \$2,510 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Becker County Drug/Veterans Treat Court: presented by Kristal Kadrie and Judge Gretchen Thilmony.

1. Drug Court Current Participants – 19 in Clay County, 5 in Becker.
2. 134 Total Drug Court Graduates – 83 in Clay County, 51 in Becker.
  - 132 were employed upon graduation.
  - 24 have re-offended (17.7% recidivism rate).
3. Veterans Court Graduates – 5 in Clay County, 6 in Becker.
  - Currently none in Becker, working with new Veterans Service Officer.
  - None have re-offended.
4. Continued support of \$15,000 budgeted for 2026.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
  - Willis Mattison – In support of DNR Land purchase of Toad Lake property.
  - Clark Lee – Encourage DNR Land purchase.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
  - Commissioner Hansen – Navigating Land Use Seminar, RAC, Joint Powers.
  - Commissioner Jepson – RAC, Human Services, Benefits, EDA.
  - Commissioner Nelson –Benefits, NRM, LARL, Partnership4Health.
  - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, EDA. NRM, Safety, WE Committee.
  - Commissioner Meyer – Historical Society, DAC, Dancing Sky, WE Committee.
3. Appointments:
  - Motion and second to appoint Commissioner Jepson to the Partnership4Health Committee to include per diem (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-25-2D Proposed State DNR Land Acquisition (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Report.
  - Safe Assure Walk Thru – making corrections.
  - Reviewing the possibility of receiving reimbursement for CHIPS attorneys.
  - Salary negotiations with elected and appointed officials has started.
  - Better Futures staffing discussion.
  - Blight properties discussion with county departments. Can't be a one size fits all approach.
3. Motion and second to approve Commissioners to attend the AMC Leading with Purpose 8-week online Training with per diem (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Public Hearing – Reclassify Part of Parcel 09.7154.000

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 9:37 am (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Public Comment:
  - Split 2 ½ acres for cell tower
3. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 9:40 am (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-25-2A – Reclassify Part of Parcel 09.7154.000 (Jepson, Hansen) carried.

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

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a pickup for NRM not to exceed \$50,000 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve the Capital Request for a new Work Management Software from iWorQ in the amount of \$5,300 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

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