

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, September 2, 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 (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of August 19, 2025 (Hansen, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Gerry Schram – We approved the sale of Toad Mountain to the DNR. Way too much public land. Miss Minnesota – Emma Vrieze is from Osage.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Mahube, EDA.
 - Commissioner Hansen – PRWD, Airport, Foresty Trails, PLMSWA, Planning & Zoning, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Benefits, Courthouse, Lakeland Mental Health.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Courthouse, DAC.
3. Appointments:
 - None.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items – Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Set a Public Hearing for 11-04-2025 at 9:30 am to Reclassify Parcels, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Land Use – NRM: Approve Fall 2025 Timber Auction Tracts, Award 2025 Bud Capping Contract (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Becker County Food Pantry Update: presented by Dale Storey and Liz Lilja.
 - 208 New households served in 2025.
 - Changes in programs have increased food insecurities.
 - July – served 2,181 people which made 653 households.
 - 51,000 lbs. of food dispersed, 20,000 lbs. rescued from local businesses.
 - In July the Food Pantry spent about \$20,000 on food.
2. Fox Lake Association Wake Boat Information: presented by Stephen Corbin.
 - Concerned with wake boats on Fox Lake in Lakeview Township.
 - Discussion on local surface/water ordinance.
 - Packet from the DNR must be completed and a Public Hearing must be held.

Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-1B – Recommendation for 2026 Medical Insurance (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-1C – Career Ladder – Assessment Tech II (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the PFML (Paid Family Medical Leave) Policy (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the PFML (Paid Family Medical Leave) Contract Addendums for the following Unions: LELS Supervisors, LELS Essential Administrators, Human Services Supervisor, LELS Deputies, and LELS Dispatchers and Jailers (Nelson, Jepson) Carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the MFA (Multi Factor Authentication) Security Software Renewal for 2 years in the amount of \$80,573.61 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

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

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-1A – Donation Acceptance for Dunton Locks Parks from the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 31 in the amount of \$1,500 to purchase new picnic tables (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to authorize the Environmental Committee to suspend the fees for electronics recycling for up to 1 week by the end of 2025 with the dates to be approved by the Administrator (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve the Purchase Request for a 40 CY Roll Off with a Cover in the amount of \$8,674.57 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 08/27/2025.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for James & Rebecca Thibert – Request for an After-The-Fact Conditional Use Permit for Retaining Walls (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am.

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