

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, September 16, 2025 at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Meyer. Commissioners in attendance: Meyer, Jepson, Vareberg and Nelson, County Administrator Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin. Commissioner Hansen was in attendance via Teams.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda with the removal of Highway purchase request (Jepson, Vareberg) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of September 2, 2025 with the requested corrections (Jepson, Nelson) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Bonnie Guyer Graham – representing the League of Women Voters. Congratulations to the commissioners and staff for running free and fair elections in 2024.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – AMC Policy Conference, Opioid Advisory, EDA Housing, RAC.
 - Commissioner Hansen – MRC, Highway, Solid Waste Campus Tour, RAC, PRWD, AMC Policy Conference.
 - Commissioner Nelson – AMC Policy Conference, MRC, NRM.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Highway.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Heartland Trail, Historical Society, AMC Policy Conference.
3. Appointments:
 - Planning Commission – District 1 opening. Being advertised.

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, License List – Tobacco License Renewals for the following: Seven Sisters Spirits – Vickie Hersch – Lakeview Twp, County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lakeview Twp, and Richwood Store – Kerry Swiers – Richwood Twp, July 2025 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports; Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Grant Approval – PH Medica Innovation Grant, Purchase Request – To WPHS for Safe Generations Training for Child Protection Staff; Recorder: Resolution 09-25-2D – Recorder Fee Setting for Judicial Security Legislation Documents (Nelson, Jepson) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - 1:30 pm today Michelle Fischbach's Outreach Representative will be on site.
 - We host the Joint Governance Meeting in October.
 - Lead with Purpose Training will be opened to the Department Heads.
 - Additional contacts have reached out regarding wake surf boats.
 - October work sessions for budgeting will be scheduled.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-2C – 2026 Elected Officials Salary (Jepson, Meyer) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.
3. Motion and second to approve going with Paycom HRIS System (Jepson, Vareberg) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Parks & Rec: Bike Trail Study presented by Houston Engineering- Sam Trebilcock and Kyle Ten Napel.
 - Heartland Trail Routing Study is a collaborative project led by Becker County to evaluate and recommend the best possible route for a new segment of the Heartland Trail.
 - One more Steering Committee Meeting before Finalized Report with recommendations.
2. Environmental Services:
 - Free E-Waste Recycling Event October 1-4.

- Organics recycling starts this week.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-2A – Set 2026 Proposed Tax Levy with a maximum levy of \$30,576,280 which represents a 9% increase of the 2025 Tax Levy (Nelson, Jepson) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-25-2B – Set 2026 EDA Tax Levy in the amount of \$245,000 (Jepson, Vareberg) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-Yes, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Department: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase request of 3 squad cars not to exceed \$160,925.28 with the final decision on what type of vehicle to purchase to be done by the Sheriff's Committee (Meyer, Nelson) Roll Call Vote: Hansen-No, Nelson-Yes, Jepson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Vareberg-Yes. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

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