

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, October 7, 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, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of September 16, 2025 with the requested changes (Jepson, Hansen) carried.

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 Renewal for the following: Chief Corner Store – Patricia Moran – Pine Point Twp, Cormorant Bottle Shop – Rod Einerson – Cormorant Twp, Osage Bait & Tackle – Peggy Branstrom – Osage Twp, The 59'er – Jackie Collins – Detroit Twp, Lake Park C-Store – David Blomseth – Lake Park Twp, Lakes Corner Liquors – Aaron Aslesen – Erie Twp, Cormorant Store – Lars Odegaard – Cormorant Twp, Ice Cracking Lodge – Tandra Parson – Round Lake Twp, August 2025 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Sheriff: Office of Traffic Safety-Total Zero Deaths Grant, Land Use – Environmental Services: Organics Processing Agreement, Service Agreement-Electronics Recycling, Waste Hauler License Requirement Changes, Greater MN Waste Reduction Grant Application (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Extension, Fair Board, EDA.
 - Commissioner Nelson – MRC, Lakeland Mental Health, Sunnyside, Sheriff, LARL.

- Commissioner Hansen – Transit, PLMSWA, Planning & Zoning, Environmental.
- Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Environmental.
- Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Transit, Fair Board, DAC, LCSC.

3. Appointments:

- None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) Update – presented by Liz Lynch.

- Request is based on an 80/10/10 percentage. 80% - where the library card holder resides, 10% - property values and 10% - population.
- 2026 request - \$477, 840.

2. Report:

- Attended the following Community Events: North Country Trails Annual Meeting, Project 412 Wavemaker Event, Kickoff of Probation for F5 Program.
- MACA/MCRMA Conference. Topics: Leadership training, MPFML, Preliminary Levies and Legislative priorities.
- Meeting with 3 Lake Associations (Big Sugar Bush, Fox Lake, and Pickerel) including DNR, Planning & Zoning and Sheriff Glander to discuss the process for wake surface ordinances.
- STS Crew Leader Resigned.
- Paycom meetings have begun.

3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-25-1A – Recorder's Salary (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

4. Budgeting Work Session – October 14 @ 8:30 am at the Highway Building.

5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-25-1D – AED Purchase in the amount of \$18,3000 from American AED for 10 units (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.

6. Highway Road Tour – Date set for November 5 at 8:30 am.

Assessor: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve the State Tax Court Abatements in the amount of \$62,330 which includes interest (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the 3 Teamsters Union (Courthouse, Human Services, and Sheriff Clerical) MPFML Contract Addendums (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-25-1C – 2026 Cash in Lieu (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to rescind the Consent Agenda approval (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve and accept the consent agenda, removing #9 Land Use-Environmental Services: Greater MN Waste Reduction Grant Application (Jepson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-25-1E – MPCA Greater MN Waste Reduction Grant Application to include acceptance if awarded and choice of equipment to be a baler or compactor (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-25-1B – 2026 Solid Waste Assessment Fee Schedule with the rate of \$13 per point (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
5. Solid Waste/Demo Material Strategic Plan Questionnaire discussion.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 09/24/2025.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Kari Warren, Allen Gulseth, & Mark Gulseth – Request a Conditional Use Permit for the cultivation, manufacture and wholesale of cannabis (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Austin McConkey – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a cemetery (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Memorandum of Understanding – Pelican River Watershed District (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ David Meyer
David Meyer
Board Chair