

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, November 4, 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 with the following changes:
Addition to Planning & Zoning: Discussion on Retaining Wall and Conditional Use Permit enforcement (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of October 21, 2025 with the requested changes (Hansen, Nelson) 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, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Highway: Resolution 11-25-1F – City of Audubon – LRIP Support, Sheriff: Resolution 11-25-1E – New Rates for Becker County Gun Permit Fees, Sale of Squad Car 4677 (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Jay Carlson – Heartland Trail Extension. Make direction based on best route.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Crow Wing Watershed District, Planning & Zoning, Mahube.
 - Commissioner Nelson – District 4, Lakeland Mental Health, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, Highway.
 - Commissioner Hansen – District 4, Environmental, Highway, Transit, PLMSW, Tribal Relations.
 - Commissioner Meyer – District 4, Sheriff.
3. Appointments:

- Cormorant Lakes Watershed District and Lake Agassiz Regional Library are being advertised and will come back at a later meeting.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Mahube OTWA Update: presented by Liz Kuoppala.
 - Serves 16,000 people across 5 counties.
 - 5 Levels of Help provided. Starting with people in crisis, to connecting to services, relationship-based coaching, asset building and leadership development.
2. Sunnyside Care Center: presented by Ashley McNally.
 - 30 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility with 78 employees.
 - 5 Star Facility.
 - Fiscal year ended in September in the positive.
 - Motion and second to continue ECPN support at \$7 per day per resident for a total amount of \$22,085 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Public Hearing to Reclassify Tax Forfeit Lands: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 am (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Discussion.
 - Reclassification of Tax Forfeit Land in Eagle View Township to non-conservation.
 - Land sale to adjacent owners.
3. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 9:33 am (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1B – Reclassify Parcel 09.7006.000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1C – Reclassify Parcel 09.7053.000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1D – Authorize Tax Forfeit Land Sale and to the 2025 Terms of Sale and Parcel List (Jepson, Hansen) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Repeal of the Moratorium on Nuclear Energy was discussed at finance. AMC also has a policy regarding the moratorium.
 - Paycom employee training has begun.
 - Leading on Purpose sessions are continuing.
 - Courthouse Fire Drill was conducted. Will be discussed at the next Safety Meeting
2. Becker County Township Association Meeting is November 20 at 7:00 pm.

3. Year End Purchase Order Cut off Dates have been established.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1G – State Aid Advance in the amount of \$1,415,587.99 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1H – Gravel Tax Reserve Transfer in the amount of \$400,000 to finance CSAH 7 Grade Widening Project (Construction Project SAP No. 003-607-026 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Land Use/Highway: presented by Steve Skoog, Mitch Lundeen, and Jim Olson.

1. Report on the Heartland Trail Routing Study from Dunton Locks to Bucks Mill.
 - Study is complete and on the Becker County Website.
 - Next steps – discussion of implementation of the trail routing study.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the Trade-In and purchase of 33 service pistols, holsters and lights up to \$25,000 to be paid in full at time of order (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the cellphone unlocking subscription for investigative purposes from Cellebrite Inc. in the amount of \$5,565 (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Ballistic Glass to be sold at Public Auction (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 10/29/2025.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Sunny's Dock and Lift LLC – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a dock and lift company to include storage, with the stipulation any changes or improvements require a new Conditional Use Permit (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Devon Green – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a retaining wall pending recommendations from the DNR and Soil & Water. Should the DNR and Soil & Water decline recommendations, the application comes back to the County Board (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Retaining wall amendment discussion taking place after the Board Meeting.
3. Conditional Use Permit Enforcement Discussion.

- In the past, they have been brought back to the County Board to discuss revocation of Conditional Use Permit.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:01 am.

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