

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, November 18, 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 November 4, 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, September 2025 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports, Resolution 11-25-2A – Tax Forfeit Easement 12.0104.000 Veronen, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Resolution 11-25-2B – Donation Acceptance from St Peter's Lutheran Church, Highway: Resolution 11-25-2C – CSAH 30 LRIP Support, Resolution 11-25-2D – Lake Eunice Twp LRIP Support, Resolution 11-25-2E – Audubon Twp LRIP Support, Sheriff: Advanced Correctional Healthcare Renewal (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Brian McDonald – Introducing two new County Attorneys. Chris Myers and Lily Crume.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA Housing.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Zoning – Blight Properties, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Hansen – Zoning – Blight Properties.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Historical Society, Lakes Country Services Co-op.
3. Appointments:

- Motion and second to appoint Terry Kalil to the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board effective immediately to fulfill the remainder of the appointment (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Budgeting Work Session November 25.
 - Paycom implementation continues.
 - Township Meeting Thursday, November 20.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-2F – Consider Repeal of Minnesota’s Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production with the elimination of the specific paragraphs to keep the resolution a general repeal (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Low Potency Hemp and Cannabis Ordinance Discussion for Fees and Requirements.
 - Motion and second to set a Public Hearing on December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am to Adopt Registration & Fee Schedule for Low Potency and Cannabis Products (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Retaining Walls.
 - Motion and second to approve the Retaining Wall Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented with the addition of the following conditions:
 - Retaining walls cannot increase storm water run-off to adjoining properties.
 - The distance between walls to be 3 times the height of the retaining wall also pertains to retaining walls between 2’-4’ in height.
 - Amendment pertains to walls within 300’ from a lake or river, excluding walls incidental to dwellings
 - Fees for engineering review done by Becker County for retaining walls over 4’ will be paid by the applicant (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
 - RFP for an engineer will be done.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am.

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