

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, January 20, 2026 at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Jepson. Commissioners in attendance: Jepson, Hansen, Meyer, 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 addition of a safety update during the Administrator’s report (Meyer, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of January 6, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to pull the following items from the Consent Agenda: EDA: MMCDC Contract – Language Revision to be discussed after the Administrator’s report and Highway: Resolution 01-26-2C – Agreement – Clearwater & Becker County – CSAH 39 & CSAH 37 to be added to the Highway report, and to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items: Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 01-26-2A – Establish 2026 Absentee Ballot Board, November 2025 Cash, Sales tax, and Investment Reports, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Highway: Capital Request – Pre-Buy Base One Stabilizer, Resolution 01-26-2B – Final Payment Acceptance – SP 088-070-077, Land Use: Environmental Services – Equipment Purchase – Roll-Off Covers (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Jerry Schram – Rectify 245th Ave.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Hansen – RAC, Finance.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Partnership4Health, Historical Society, DAC, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, NRM.

- Commissioner Jepson – Partnership4Health, Mahube Sr Council, WCRJC, EDA.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, EDA.
3. Appointments.
 - Motion and second to approve Commissioner Vareberg as the Alternate Commissioner for the Buffalo-Red Watershed (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
 4. County Administrator Employment Agreement.
 - Motion and second to approve the County Administrator Employment Agreement excluding the automotive section and updating the salary (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Judicial Security Update. Meeting with departments to ensure proper procedures are done.
 - Joint Legislative Session – January 28 at Detroit Lakes City Hall.
 - Work Session – February 4.
2. CHIPS contracts have been received and signed.
3. 245th Ave Update - Scheduling another meeting with the MPCA to determine next steps to ensure compliance.
4. Motion and second to approve the AED Policy to include the ability to update locations of the units (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
5. Safety Update - The majority if deficiencies have been corrected.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to approve the MMCDC Contract language clarification (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-26-2D – Amendment to the Blading and Plowing Contract (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-26-2C – Agreement – Clearwater and Becker County – CSAH 39 & CSAH 37 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

- Amendments for the following items will be discussed at the Zoning Ordinance Meeting: Establish requirements for data centers, Building height amendments, and Land and vegetation alteration amendments.

2. Conditional Use Permit Inspection Policy Discussion.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	Erica Jepson
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	County Administrator		Board Chair