

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, February 3, 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 following changes: Removal of Resolution 02-26-1G – Transfer of Funds from the Consent Agenda and clarifying the Assessor’s Abatement information (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of January 20, 2026 (Meyer, Hansen) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to pull the following items from the Consent Agenda: Transit- Resolution 02-26-1B – Vehicle Purchase and add it to the Transit discussion, and to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items: Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 02-26-1H – Transfer of Fund Balance, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Environmental Services: Capital Expense Request – Snow Pusher, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of \$370, Sheriff: Coroner/EMS Agreement, 2026 Summit Amendment (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Hansen – Transit, PRWD, MPCA Meeting, Trail Alliance, Environmental, Highway, MAGIC, PLMSWA, Drug Court Graduation, Legislative Round Table.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Legislative Round Table, Historical Society, Sunnyside, Transit, Fair Board, Sheriff, DAC.

- Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, MRC, Lakeland Mental Health.
 - Commissioner Vareberg– MPCA Meeting, Environmental, Highway, Safety.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Fair Board, EDA Housing, MAHUBE-OTWA.
3. Appointments.
- Motion and second to reappoint Peter Jacobson to the Lakeland Mental Health Center Board (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Transit: presented by Kevin Johnson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-26-1B – Bus Purchase in the amount of \$165,322 with our local share being \$16,532.20 (10% of the bus purchase price) (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

245th Ave Update: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. In attendance: Kevin Olson and Charlie Jasken from Detroit Township.
2. The township is recording the road as a township road.
3. Becker County will have a plan by September 1st.

Becker Soil & Water Conservation District: presented by Bryan Malone.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-26-1E – Crow Wing River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) Implementation Agreement Amendment (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Training Modules for correctional officers have been approved by the DOC.
 - Blight properties process continues. Creating a working document.
 - Drafting an email retention policy.
 - AMC Legislative Meeting – March 4-5.
 - Conditional Use Permits are being reviewed by Planning & Zoning.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-26-1F – Delegation of Authority pertaining to contract signing (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren.

1. Motion and second to approve the MAHUBE-OTWA Annual Contract Renewal/Amount correction not to exceed \$91,383 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve MSTATE MNCWTA Space Lease – 1-Year Renewal in the amount of \$24,000 which is Grant funded (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 01-26-1D – Temporary Full-Time Deputy Position Extension (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Variable Part-Time Employment Status Policy (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-26-1C – Bid Award – West Lake Drive – 003-622-040 in the amount of \$5,016,966.55 to Hough Inc. (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Shane Richard.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 02-26-1A – JPA with Becker County on behalf of the County Attorney and Sheriff with changing the grammatical errors (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Out of State Travel for Multimedia Investigative Techniques Training in Alabama in March which is funded except for a car rental and wages (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

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