

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, February 17, 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 (Meyer, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of February 3, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, 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, Resolution 02-26-2A – Gambling Permit for Carsonville Fire Fighters Relief Association at Carsonville Fire & Rescue – Station 2 in Carsonville Twp on October 17, 2026, License renewals for the following: Tobacco License – Renewal – Two Inlets Country Store – Robert Peterson – Two Inlets Twp, Seasonal On-Sale w/Sundays – New Owner – Green Valley Golf Course – John Levin – Cormorant Twp, Combination On/Off Sale w/ Sundays – Renewal – Ice Cracking Lodge – Tandra Parsons – Round Lake Twp, On Sale w/ Sundays – Renewal – Bleachers Bar & Grill – Tom Coyne – Lake View Twp, Wine/Strong Beer w/ Sundays – Renewal – Jolly Fisherman Resort – Anne Buelow – Round Lake Twp, Cedar Crest Resort – Brian Schneck – Maple Grove Twp, 3.2 Off Sale – Renewal – Jolly Fisherman Resort – Anne Buelow – Round Lake Twp, County 6 Gas & Bait - Tyler Kalberer – Lake View Twp, 3.2 Combination – Renewal – Cedar Crest Resort – Brian Schneck – Maple Grove Twp, December 2025 Cash, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports, Resolution 02-26-2D – Hire Election Judges for 2026, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Highway: Resolution 02-26-2B – Final Payment Acceptance 003-070-018, Capital Request – 2026 Chevy 3500 & V-Plow, Land Use: NRM: Resolution 02-26-2C – Woods and Wheels GIA Application, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of \$3,162 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
  - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
  - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Joint Powers, NRM, Buffalo Red Watershed District.
  - Commissioner Meyer – Courthouse, LCSC.
  - Commissioner Hansen – MAGIC, RAC.
  - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, NRM, Safety.
  - Commissioner Jepson – RAC, Human Services.
3. Appointments.
  - None.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the Compensation System Policy Update (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Bring back Leadership Pay to next Board Meeting.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
  - 245<sup>th</sup> Ave Update.
  - Initial meeting with MState tomorrow.
  - Safety Committee – AED training thru Human Services.
  - Continuing work on compliance with Judicial Security.
  - Legislative Conference in March. All attending.
  - Email Retention Policy update.
  - Alice Training discussion.
2. Beckerbay 2026 starts March 17. Auction items are due by March 6.
3. Motion and second for Commissioners Meyer and Nelson to be on the Negotiation Team with any other Commissioner able to fill in if needed (Meyer, Hansen) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the Fleet Vehicle Use Policy (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
5. Blight property procedural information.
6. Next Work Session – April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Maintenance: presented by Brent Bristlin.

1. Motion and second to approve the Portable Heater Policy (Meyer, Vareberg) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the PC Purchase in the amount of \$50,485 for 20 desktops, 11 laptops and additional technology from TRAFERA, LLC (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Veterans Services: presented by Anthony Mastin.

1. Motion and second to approve the Intern Placement in the Veterans Services Office up to 480 hours of work at no cost to the county (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve accepting Sealed Bids to remove the kit-built log cabin located at 28992 County Hwy 34 with the County Board able to reject any and all bids (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Motion and second to approve the Extension for Eric Zurn for Permit 694215 for 1 year (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment Discussion.
  - Have all appointments terminate at the end of the year.
  - Publish all openings prior to end of term.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am.

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