

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, March 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 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of February 17, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to pull the following item from the Consent Agenda: Land Use/Environmental – Solid Waste Management Plan Consultant Services Proposal and approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items: Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, License renewals for the following: Club On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Frazee Golf Course – Dan Kahldahl – Burlington Twp, Combination On/Off Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Two Inlets Country Store – Robert Peterson – Two Inlets Twp, The Fishbowl – Kari Friesen – Erie Twp, On Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Sunlite Bar & Grill – Wayne Crawford – Detroit Twp, Forest Hills – Robert Spizzo – Audubon Twp, Off Sale – Renewal – 4 Corners – Josh Swangler – Erie Twp, Cormorant Bottle Shop – Rod Einerson – Cormorant Twp, Wine/Strong Beer on Sale – Renewal – Richwood Grill – Julie Cogger – Richwood Twp, 3.2 Combination – Renewal – The Hideaway Resort – Allen Chirpich – Shell Lake Twp, 3.2 On-Sale – Renewal – Richwood Grill – Julie Cogger – Richwood Twp, January 2026 Cash, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Land Use/Environmental: Material Scanner in MRF Install Proposal, Sheriff: Resolution 03-26-1A – Revision of County Civil Process Fee Structure, Resolution 03-26-1B – Revision of Contracted Service Deputy Rates, Resolution 03-26-1C – Revision of Inter-County Boarding Rates (Meyer, Hansen) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Hansen – PRWD, PLMSWA, Planning Commission, Environmental, Finance.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, Extension, LARL, Probation, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Fair Board, DAC.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Extension, Fair Board, EDA.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Environmental.
3. Appointments.
 - None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Meeting with Probation discussing a Community Corrections Model.
 - Lake Ida Lake Association – need for lake drainage repair. Discussion about a Lake Improvement District.
 - 245th Ave – Landfill Road update.
 - House File 1567 – Judicial Security – may expand to add legislators and peace officers.
2. Discussion – Auditor/Treasurer to an Appointed Position.
 - Move forward with process to Appointed Position.
 - Testimony includes in-person, online and written.
 - Motion and second to have a Public Hearing on March 17, 2026 at 9:00 am for the purpose of Public Comment on the Auditor/Treasurer position and Resolution regarding moving it to an Appointed Position (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Continuation of Policy Update – Compensation System for Leadership.
 - Bring back to Courthouse Committee for further discussion.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve to move forward with the Scrap Sheetrock Recycling Pilot Project with an updated contract to show a projected cost neutral project, an end

date at the end of 2026, and authorize the County Administrator to sign (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve the Solid Waste Management Bid to do the plan with Widseth in the amount of \$15,000 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-26-1D – Increase Jail Nursing Coverage due to the Larry Hill Medical Reform Act (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 02/25/2026.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission for Rural Cellular Corporation – Request an amendment to recorded document number 407873 to allow for a forty (40) foot tower extension for a total height of four hundred forty (440) feet along with a twelve (12) foot lightning rod with the appropriate lighting and contingent on a variance (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission for Andrew Huttner – Request a Conditional Use Permit for the cultivation, and wholesale of cannabis (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve an RFP for Engineering Services (Meyer, Hansen) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.

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