

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, April 7, 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, and minute taker Peggy Martin. County Administrator Carrie Smith was absent.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda removing Commissioner #4 - the Discussion on leadership pay (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of March 17, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, 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, Licenses for the following: Temporary On-Sale – New – Detroit Lakes Lions Club – James Granger – August 5-8, 2026 at Soo Pass Ranch, Combination On/Off-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Charlie’s Place – Jeffrey Dugger – Height of Land Twp, On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Parallel 36 – Lynne Stockstad – Cormorant Twp, Cormorant Pub – Eric Guler – Cormorant Twp, Seasonal On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Shady Hollow Flea Market – Chad Stenerson – Lake View Twp, Wine/Strong Beer – Renewal – Ella Marie’s Café – Emma Watson – Cormorant Twp, 3.2 On-Sale – Renewal – Ella Marie’s Café – Emma Watson – Cormorant Twp, Resolution 04-26-1A – Gambling Permit - Detroit Lakes Lions Club at Soo Pass Ranch in Lake View Twp, August 6-8, 2026, Purchase Request – Election Equipment in the amount of \$25,560, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Recorder: Purchase Request – Plot Wave Scanner not to exceed \$15,515, Land Use: Environmental – Resolution 04-26-1C – Waste Hauler License – Zayic Concrete (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.

2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, Ordinance Review, Courthouse, Sheriff, Sunnyside. Leadership pay does not have strong support and will not be pursued.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Courthouse, Fair Board, Sheriff, Sunnyside, DAC.
 - Commissioner Hansen – Environmental, PRWD, Wild Rice Watershed, Highway, Finance.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, Highway, EDA.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Finance, EDA.
3. Appointments.
 - Motion and second to appoint Melissa Gooselaw to the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District for a term ending on December 31, 2028 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
4. Becker County Food Pantry: presented by Liz Lilja.
 - 1,493 more people have been served than prior year.
 - Changes in SNAP benefits have increased food pantry usage.
 - Fantastic community support from volunteers and businesses.
 - Beckerbay raised \$2,756 for the Food Pantry.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-1D – Temporary Office Support – Assessor’s Office (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Job Description for the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Lead with the funding moved from the Sheriff (previous STS Crew Lead) to Parks & Rec (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-1B – Bid Award – 003-639-018 to RJ Zavoral & Sons in the amount of \$4,020,177.22 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Capital Purchase Request for two ½ Ton Pickups (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to sell the old pickups by auction or to another county department (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-1F – Bid Award – Exterior Renovation of a Multi-Family Building and Garage – RFP 26-01 to Timberland Exteriors, Inc in the amount of \$250,395.53 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to Set a Public Hearing for April 21, 2026 at 9:00 am for the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
3. Motion and second to appoint John Okeson to the EDA Board for District 3 to a 6-year term ending on January 1, 2032 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. 245th Ave – Road Update
 - Motion and second to send a proposal to the MPCA to determine if a 3-wire high Tencel fence, and up to 6 roll gates on both sides of 245th Ave will be sufficient security for the landfill. (Vareberg, Nelson) Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Hansen-No, Jepson-No, Vareberg-Yes carried.
2. Resolution 04-26-1E – Securing 245th Ave according to MPCA Requirements.
 - No action taken.

Planning and Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendation of 03-25-2026 for both Conditional Use Permits for towers are tabled to obtain more information.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.

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