

Top Becker County New Stories of 2017

- Construction begins on new 184 bed jail facility
- New waste transfer station completed
- Construction underway for a new recycling facility
- Deputy honored for saving 11-year-old boy from drowning
- Construction begins on \$18 million in improvements to Becker County/Detroit Lakes Airport
- County Bond Rating AA confirmed with a stable financial outlook
- Becker County Transit expands service area and days of operation
- Unemployment in County drops to record low
- State Auditor takes several counties to court over new auditing legislation
- County recycling grows to 3,000 tons a year
- Two timber sales generate more than 12,000 cords and with revenue of more than \$500,000
- Highway Department delivers \$6.1 million of construction programs
- Sheriff responds to ATVs and vehicles breaking through the ice on area lakes
- Veterans Services oversaw a 27% increase in ridership to VA Hospital
- Veteran numbers in Becker County grow to 3,058 in County
- County's computer system hit with cyberattack
- State recognizes Human Services department for outstanding performance
- County finds solution for 18 percent increase in health care costs by choosing new provider
- Planning and Zoning issues more than 1,500 permits in 2017
- Missing teen found and returned home
- GIS inventory of county forest lands completed
- New name sought for Becker County Transit
- Specialty courts address veterans, drug and alcohol use
- Heartland Trail coming together with right of way acquisition north of Frazee Road
- County explores new public works facility
- Sheriff's K-9 unit proves it worth
- Investigation clears officers in shooting
- Highway Department resurfaces West Lake Creek Drive
- \$2.8 million bridge replacement in Lake Park set to begin in March
- Appeals panel goes against County and Osage gun club on shooting range decision
- Conversion to new county assessment software completed