

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: July 11, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

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Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda, with one addition; Closed Session at 11:30 with County Attorney (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2006 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Don Thorp from DAV Ch 31 voiced his concerns about replacing the Veterans Service Officer in a timely fashion. He noted that the VSO is the front line for veterans, and does not want any returnees falling through the cracks. He also indicated the DAV supports the County Board and the community.
 - b. David Coalwell, representing the VFW, also addressed the issue of timeliness.
 - c. Phil Bellefeuille, 9th District American Legion Commander, suggested that the Board let the public know, through the media, that the VSO would continue to be a full-time position, and when they could expect to see the new Service Officer on staff. He indicated that it would quell a lot of rumors and anxiety.

The Board addressed these concerns, and indicated that they were doing all they can, but that they had to follow a process. The job description will pass Review Board, and then be presented to the County Board at the next meeting of July 25.

- d. Clarence Suvanto spoke about fair and balanced assessment practices; the Auditor should be enforcing this policy. He indicated that the Assessor should be following up with the Township Assessors. Commissioner Knutson is soon meeting with the Auditor and Assessor to discuss these items. Mr. Suvanto inquired about trading gravel pits for County property to use for ATV recreation. Commissioner Knutson replied that this item would be addressed at 11:15. Mr. Suvanto added that it would be advisable to remove all stop signs and replace them as yield signs, and reinforced previous speakers' contentions that we need a CVSO quickly.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
Commissioner Bristlin Reports:
 - a. Space Committee Meetings regarding Courthouse expansion are ongoing.

- b. Met with Extension to start preliminary budget; looking at another 5% increase. The State continues to shift a greater percentage of the burden to the County. Considering a part-time 4-H Coordinator and sharing with Mahnomen County. An at-large position is coming open on the Extension Board.
Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Attended a Solid Waste meeting in Clay County along with Commissioner Bristlin and County Administrator Brian Berg. Incinerators are the wave of the future; they save on maintenance and landfill usage.
- b. Fair Board report; the new outdoor horse arena at the fairgrounds is finished and running.
- c. Highway report; tonnage prices for asphalt are running \$300.00.
- d. There is an at-large Park Board position to fill.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Commissioner Nelson will sit on the White Earth Weed & Seed Committee.
- b. Commissioner Nelson will ask the new administrator at Sunnyside to meet Commissioners and County department heads.
- c. The Ordinance subcommittee met on shore impact zone septic systems. They are considering a study on Big Cormorant. All property owners would need to provide a certificate of compliance, or be inspected at their expense. Grant money is available to help defray County costs.
- d. The West Central Initiative meets July 12 in Fergus Falls.

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. Discussions were held with the new airport manager to assist him with public relations. The expansion project is in limbo with the Federal and State authorities. Lights have been replaced, the restrooms will be remodeled, and the credit card fuel pump is now working. Questions were asked regarding airplane storage.

- 3. Appointments: None at this time.
- 4. It was moved and seconded to reject all solid waste hauling bids and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate with all interested contractors (those who have submitted written bid proposals) for a suitable hauling contract (Salminen, Bristlin), carried. This contract will return to the County Board for approval.

Auditor

- 1. Licenses & Permits: None at this time.
- 2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 07-06-1A, Re-purchase of Forfeited Lands by Timothy Kohler, (Knutson, Bristlin), Nelson abstained, carried.
- 3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board of Equalization (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the new Transfer Station fees, with an effective date of August 1, 2006 as follows: demolition - \$8.00 per cubic yard, compacted - \$62.00 per ton; loose - \$9.75 per cubic yard (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the capital purchase for the DMV remodeling project in the amount of \$1,800.00 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Assessor

1. Janis Golkowski distributed amended copies of proposed abatements.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

Parcel #	Tax District	Amount	Recommendation
R26.0149.001	Runeberg	\$662	Commercial Class Error
R49.2528.202	Detroit Lakes	(\$2,062)	Assessor Error-new construction
R49.2528.206	Detroit Lakes	\$2,144	Assessor Error-new construction

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda additions under number 4 to include g., Fraud Prevention Investigation Plan Amendment, and under Transit, j., Ridership Report (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Placement Reports (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Fraud Contract with DHS for FY 2007 (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 07-06-1B regarding the Public Transit Participation Program Application (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Ridership Report from Transit (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

DNR

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Easement for the Lindbom Lake Conservation Project (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Jay Carlson

1. It was moved and seconded to approve that the County Board direct the Zoning Administrator to instruct the Planning & Zoning Commission to weigh more heavily the Lake Eunice and Audubon Township resolution regarding change of zone from agricultural to residential in shoreland districts (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Highway

1. Brad Wentz gave a progress report on road projects.

Natural Resources Management

1. It was moved and seconded to approve signing of the Joint Powers Agreement for the ATV Trail System (Bristlin, Nelson), Knutson opposed, carried.

Closed Session

1. It was moved and seconded to approve to close the meeting by request of County Attorney Joe Evans as follows: Madame Chair, I'd like to ask the Board to close the meeting at this point in time to discuss pending litigation for a Zoning matter, namely, Pace's Lake Melissa Sandy Beach Project, according to attorney-client privilege (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.

Open Session

1. It was moved and seconded to open the session (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Natural Resources Management

1. It was moved and seconded to rescind the previous motion regarding the signing of the Joint Powers Agreement, due to the fact that this agenda item was not listed for publication, and the Board felt the public needed due notice (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
Brian C. Berg
County Administrator

/s/ Karen Mulari
Karen Mulari
Board Chair