

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda: adding the EDA Report at 9:00 a.m. (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 12, 2006 (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Joy Penney. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Joy represents the Eagle Lake Group. She stated that many property owners will be on hand at 11:00 a.m. She feels that an EIS needs to be approved as significant items need review, and if the EIS is not approved, the rules are not being followed. She feels that the EIS should stand as only minor changes have been completed, and the EIS cannot be terminated without scoping the project.
 - b. Hank Ludke. He is for the Blue's Valley Campground Project going through. Originally was under 50 sites. The campgrounds would benefit Frazee. Also, he was hoping the Swift Plant in Frazee would receive funding for demolition.
 - c. Don Trieglaff. He is in favor of the Blue's Valley Campground Project. Groups wanting zero growth on a lake are selfish. Some lake owners only spend two weeks a year at their lake property. The campground would improve Frazee's financial growth. The Jacobs have met all requirements, so deserve your approval.
 - d. Rod Osvold. Spoke in favor of the Blue's Valley Campground Project. Becker County and Ottertail County will double in population. Every \$1 spent generates \$53. The number one activity on lakes now is watching the water along with wildlife.
 - e. Rand Schaefer. Changes are happening with resorts. Less than 900 remain in Minnesota, with 10% a year leaving. If a cabin is owned other than by resorts, it is a MURD. He would like to meet with the County and resort owners to partner with Becker County.
 - f. Scott Walz, Meadowland Surveying. Scott questioned whether under the present ordinance if split ownership can still qualify as a resort? Cabins, in a rental pool, are a way to save resorts under split ownership. He would like to sit down with the County Board and the County Attorney to see if we can change the ordinance.
2. Reports & Correspondence:
Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a. Attended the Lakeland Mental Health Open House at Moorhead (new facility).

Commissioner Bristlin Reports:

- a. Attended the Courthouse Expansion bid letting but deferred comments as this will be addressed later on the agenda.

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. Attended the Buffalo Red River Watershed Tour to Tamarac and Hamden Slough.
- b. He stated that the Zoning Ordinance Committee should look at ordinance changes.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Attended the Fair Board Meeting. This was a good year for the Fair.
- b. He attended the NRM Meeting but deferred to Chip Lohmeier bringing items later on the agenda.
- c. He attended the Highway Committee Meeting but deferred to Brad Wentz discussing the items later on the agenda.

Commissioner Salminen Reports:

- a. Attended the Airport Meeting, where repair of the runway was discussed. The Committee is looking at repairs to the runway and are contacting our legislators for help to complete repairs. Expansion is still 5-years out.

- 3. Courthouse Bid Update: Brian C. Berg gave the update on the Courthouse Expansion and Remodel Project bid opening held on September 21, 2006. He thanked the Board for wisely taking the right step on the Courthouse construction.

- a. A resolution was presented for consideration, and it was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 09-06-2E, awarding the bid to the lowest responsive bidders as follows:

- General Contractor: Roers Construction - \$4,217,000
- Mechanical: Peterson Sheet Metal - \$1,245,815
- Electrical: Dakota Electrical - \$700,300
- Sub Controls: G & R Controls - \$84,300

The Becker County Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contracts to said bidders implementing Alternates 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 and eliminating foundation demolition as a component of the general contract and authorizes the Board Chair to sign said contracts. The County Administrator shall seek written quotes for demolition of the foundation (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.

- b. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 09-06-2F, establishing procedures relating to compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. The Declaration of Official Intent relates to the following project and the costs thereof to be financed: **BECKER COUNTY ADDITION AND REMODEL**. The County reasonably expects that six

million dollars is the maximum principal amount of the Bonds which will be issued to finance the Project (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

It was moved and seconded for any Commissioner to attend the AMC Fall District IV Meeting on Friday, October 13, 2006 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fergus Falls, MN (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Becker County EDA

Guy Fisher, Becker County EDA Office, and Kelsey Klemm, City of Frazee, gave an update on the Swift Plant Redevelopment Project and the funding needed to complete the demolition. A grant from DEED was recently received and matching funds were required. A request was made for \$9,000 from Becker County to pay towards the grant match and additional incidentals. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Finance Committee to approve the \$9,000 payment to Frazee with 50% to come from the EDA Operating Fund and 50% to come from the Resource Development Fund (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.

Finance Committee

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. A new procedure will be in place for Auditor's Warrants resulting in each commissioner receiving a list of all warrants paid via Auditor's Warrants. This is for informational purposes only based on MN Stat. 375.18, Subd. 1b.
3. The Cash Comparison summaries for July and August were presented along with the August Investment Summary.
4. Courthouse Bid Review. Discussion was held and the Finance Committee recommendation was to move forward with the project, pass the reimbursement resolution and start the formal process of analyzing the funding of the project and reserve levels.
5. Natural Resource Management: Recommended to approve the \$10 increase to \$145 per year for the recreation cabin lease fee; continue the process to hire four seasonal groomer operators for this winter; and to have the NRM and Highway meet and determine a price for the easement request from the White Earth Tribal Council.
6. Highway Pickup Request: Recommend to approve with a review of the specifications to replace a ½ ton pickup for a total cost of \$19,715.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the solid waste fee will not be charged to tax exempt properties generating less than 25 cu. yards of material per year (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

8. Recommend to approve the task force’s request for an additional \$9,000 for the assessment and testing of the former Swift plant.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Abatements (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Parcel #	Tax District	Request for Abatement	Amount	Recommend/Assessor
M02.8101.000	Audubon	assessment error	\$232	approve
M06.8621.000	Cormorant	assessment error	136	approve
M10.8034.470	Erie	disaster	48	approve
M28.8098.000	Shell Lake	assessment	136	deny

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Case Load Trends (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement with Rural MN CEP for Food Support Employment and Training (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

NRM

1. It was moved and seconded to add the Strawberry Lake Road Project Easement Request from the White Earth Tribal Council (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the increase of \$10 to the 2007 Recreational Cabin Lease Fee making it \$145 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

3. It was moved and seconded to approve the Timber Sale Extension Policy allowing a six-month extension on all sales due to expire prior to January 1, 2007 and to waive any associated extension fees (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
4. Timber Sale Policy Changes were discussed. It was moved and seconded to table indefinitely until the Committee meets (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.
5. West Central Forest Designation – OHV Planning Open House. Chip Lohmeier attended the September 25, meeting at Sebeka. Information only.
6. It was moved and seconded to grant the Easement request from the White Earth Tribal Council for the Strawberry Lake Road Project contingent on being a public road and with County Attorney approval, with the payment of \$13,250 (Knutson, Bristlin), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 09-06-2D, approving to advertise, interview and hire four seasonal part-time Groomer Operators in the Parks & Recreation Department (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve advertising for bids for trail grooming for the 2006 – 2009 Snowmobile Trail Grooming period. This contract would also be renewable for two additional years; covering snowmobile trail grooming needs through the spring of 2009 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital Purchase request for a new ½ ton extended cab 4x4 pickup in the amount of \$19, 715 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. Brad gave a construction update on county roads.
3. It was moved and seconded to have the County Road Tour on October 19, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and the Five Year Plan Meeting will be held on November 28, 2006 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Planning & Zoning

1. It was moved to pass Resolution No. PZ 09-06-2A, declaring the need for an EAW on the Woods on Lake Maud (Nelson) Motion died for the lack of a second. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. PZ 09-06-2A, resolving that based on the EAW Review Committee recommendation and findings of fact the Board of County Commissioners declare the need for an EAW on the Woods on Lake Maud (Nelson, Bristlin), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. PZ 09-06-2C resolving that Blue's Valley Campground as described in the Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required for the Blue's Valley Campground project based on the information reviewed: The project has changed substantially from the original proposal and the reasons for ordering the EIS no longer apply; and the modified project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects; and there are no anticipated future projects; and any environmental effects are subject to mitigation by regulations, in place; and Becker County has implemented "new" shoreland review standards for such projects that identify, prevent and mitigate or reduce the potential for environmental effects and we believe these standards have been met by the Developer (Bristlin, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to table Resolution No. PZ 09-06-2B, as was requested tabled by the developer (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
4. Becker County Planning Commission (PC) of September 19, 2006:
 - 1) **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Ordinance Changes. Tabled by the Planning & Zoning Committee.
 - 2) **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Neil Lewis, Aaxis Development, Wheeler Lake. It was moved to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to deny the change of zone and preliminary plat (Knutson). Motion died for lack of a second. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to deny the change of zone from agricultural to residential based on the fact that the change of zone is not compatible with the surrounding area and to approve the Preliminary Plat contingent upon the review of the Township Board (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
 - 3) **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Robert Hamlin, Richwood Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC findings and recommendations to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for three tracts of land (60,500 sq. ft., 41,600 sq. ft., and 40,200 sq. ft.) based on the fact that it is compatible with the surrounding area and would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
 - 4) **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Mark Strand, Cormorant Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and approve the certificate of survey for two lots (each lot being 80,200 sq. ft.) based on the fact that it is compatible with the surrounding area and would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

- 5) FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: William Simpson, Height of Land Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve the conditional use permit for an insurance agency office within the home based on the fact that it would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
- 6) SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Craig Lindstrom, Forest Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendations of the PC to approve an accessory structure to be two full stories in height based on the fact that the structure would take advantage of the natural topography, without harming the topography, and there is adequate screening for the structure (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- 7) SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Shirley Simonson, Savannah Twp. It was moved and seconded to concur with the PC to approve the change of zone and approve the certificate of survey to allow two tracts of land (1.9 acres and 1.8 acres) based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- 8) EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Informational Meeting. The next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Planning & Zoning Office.

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