

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2006 (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum:
 - a. Clarence Suvanto asked where the county was headed. He asked if a planning session was held in November. Brian Berg answered that a meeting would be held after the first of the year in 2007. Clarence asked if the county was going to look at having a building code. He wasn't sure if just a mortgage loan inspection was good enough. Clarence also asked if a Township Official, newly elected to a County position, could remain as a Township Official.
2. Ted Fiskavald, Detroit Lakes Printing, was introduced as the reporter for the County Board Meetings. Jake Judd was introduced as the reporter for KRCQ covering the Board Meetings.
3. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a) Attended the Environmental Services Meeting. Amount of garbage handled is up. Remodeling is about done at the Transfer Station.
- b) Attended the Highway Meeting. A key employee, Duane Holmer, is retiring. Road Construction is about wrapped up.

Barry Nelson Reports:

- a) The Detroit Lakes Chamber Office is holding the Ag Issues Forum on December 7, at 8:00 a.m. at Callaway Community Center.
- b) Attended the Extension Meeting, where we looked at reduction of hours to deal with budget cuts. Positions were discussed, and it was suggested by the Committee to stay with hours now worked. Roger Josephson will make a presentation of the role of Extension to the County Board at the next meeting. Staci Baker resigned as 4-H Coordinator. Tracy is doing a good job as Nutritionist. Appointments need to be made (1) at large member and also an appointment from District IV.

Harry Salminen Reports: No Reports

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a) Attended the Mahube Meeting, where we discussed the Homeless Program.

Commissioner Bristlin Reports:

- a) Attended the Extension Meeting. The general feeling was to stay with the hours of the present extension educator, but look at the 4-H Coordinator as a part-time position.
 - b) Environmental Meeting was held. We looked at having someone oversee the Environmental Affairs Office. We felt that Steve Skoog would be a good fit for this area. Bob feels Dean Haverkamp works hard for the County. He is doing a good job.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-assignment of the authority and duties from the Environmental Services Director position to the County Assessor position (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
 5. It was moved and seconded to approve the list of AMC Voting Delegates to the AMC Annual Conference held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester on December 4-6, 2006 to include the attendees up to 8 delegates and authorize Brian C. Berg to choose a department head (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 6. Brian C. Berg, County Administrator, gave an update on the construction projects: Transit Building and Courthouse.
 7. It was moved and seconded to approve the right-of-way easement at the Becker County Landfill, and authorize the Board Chair to sign, with Wild Rice Electric Co-op prior to erecting or burying electrical lines (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
 8. It was moved and seconded to approve the signature of the Board Chair on the Public Transit Capital Grant Contract between Becker County and the State of MN (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.
 9. It was moved and seconded to approve to set the December County Board Meetings for December 12 and 19 as Regular Scheduled Meetings, with December 26 as an alternate date if needed (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
 10. The Highway 5-Year Plan Meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2006 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 11. The Christmas Tea was discussed and could be held on December 19 after the County Board Meeting.

Auditor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a Gambling Premises Permit Application for Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club for operations at Cormorant Inn & Suites, Cormorant Twp. (Bristlin, Nelson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to set a Public Hearing on January 23, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. for changing the name of Bullhead Lake located in Lake Eunice Township, if the proper information is provided. Commissioner Nelson asked that Planning & Zoning be notified of the proposed change (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital Improvement Request of (10) Wired Headsets @ \$109.95 and (2) Wireless Headsets @ \$217.45 for a total of \$1,626.46 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. Human Services Personnel Request will be later on the Agenda.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-06-1C, amending Resolution No. 09-06-2E, changing the Mechanical Contractor to Manning Mechanical in the amount of \$1,287,220 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the following third quarter computer purchases: (6) Computers and (5) Monitors/Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4,800; GIS Development Workstation/Assessor's Office in the amount of \$1,500; and Engineering Workstation and Monitor/Highway in the amount of \$1,300 (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the GIS Server and SQL Server Software in the amount of \$8,000 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to set the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting for December 07, 1006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Courtroom (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve an Abatement for Parcel No. M19.8601.000, Lake View Twp., Mobile Home License, in the amount of \$160 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Soil & Water

1. Brad Grant, District Administrator, and Ed Musielewicz, Natural Resources Conservation Services District Conservationist gave reports on the 2006 Ag Inspectors Annual Report and the Federal Farm Programs. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board Chair to sign the 2006 Ag Inspectors Annual Report (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. Brad Grant will be applying for the National Fish & Wildlife Grant which could be used to increase the hours of the Ag Inspector.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to add an agreement with Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program for regional Services for Food Support and Employment Training to the Agenda (Bristlin, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Family Services and Probation Placement Reports (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the agreement with Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program for regional services for Food Support and Employment Training (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve to hire a Part-time Nurse for the WIC Program (16-hours a week) (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Child & Teen Checkup Agreement (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve to hire a Part-time Transit Driver as ridership has increased (Salminen, Bristlin), carried.

US Fish & Wildlife

Scott Kahan, District Manager, gave an update on the US Fish & Wildlife projects in the area and answered questions.

Planning & Zoning

1. Patty Johnson, Administrator, Planning & Zoning, gave an Environmental Technical Panel Review to the County Board. She also gave an Environmental Assessment Committee Review.
2. It was moved to pass Resolution No. 11-06-1A, Declaration for Tea Cracker Cove (Bristlin). Motion was withdrawn. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 11-06-1A, Positive Declaration for Tea Cracker Cove (Salminen, Nelson), motion failed. Polled Vote: Knutson voting nay; Salminen voting yea; Mulari voting nay; Bristlin voting nay; Nelson voting yea. 3 to 2 vote, motion failed.
3. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. PZ 11-06-1A, Negative Declaration for Tea Cracker Cove Residential Subdivision as: 1. Tea Cracker Cove as described in the Environmental Assessment Worksheet does not have the potential for significant environmental effects; and 2. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for the Tea Cracker Cove (Knutson, Bristlin), carried. Polled Vote: Knutson voting yea; Salminen voting nay; Mulari voting yea; Bristlin voting yea and Nelson voting nay, motion carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution PZ 11-06-1B, Wheeler Lake Residential Subdivision, Aaxis Development to deny the Citizen's Petition based on the EAW Committee recommendation: 1. The EAW Review Committee reviewed the evidence presented in the Citizens Petition; and determined that the majority of concerns stated in the petition were aesthetic. The evidence presented in the petition fails to demonstrate the project may have the potential for significant environmental effects and the environmental effects are subject to mitigation by ongoing public regulatory authority (Knutson, Nelson), carried. Bristlin voting nay. Polled vote: Knutson voting yea; Salminen voting yea; Mulari voting yea; Bristlin voting nay; and Nelson voting yea, motion 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