

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 8:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes

1. a. Meeting presided over by Board Chair Knutson. All Commissioners in attendance; County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The agenda was approved with the following changes: Under Commissioners: add: Number 4: Discussion on Extension Contract and Number 5: Discussion on Aquatic Invasive Species and Regional Collaboration. (Nelson, Schram), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 11, 2012, with the requested changes. (Skarie, Nelson), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum: No one was present.
2. Reports and Correspondence:
 - a. Commissioner Okeson:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Economic Development/Housing Authority, Detroit Lakes/Becker County Airport Committee, Highway Committee, Regional Radio Board, and attended the disaster drill in Frazee on September 12th.
 - b. Commissioner Knutson:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Natural Resources Committee.
 - c. Commissioner Schram:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force, West Central Economic Development District (EDD), Highway Committee, Buffalo-Red Watershed District, City of Detroit Lakes, and City of Frazee Tour D' Leaves.
 - d. Commissioner Nelson:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Natural Resources Committee and Lake Agassiz Regional Library.
 - e. Commissioner Skarie:
 - i. Reported on the following meetings: Becker County Historical Society, Labor Management Committee, and Becker County Fair Board.

3. Appointments: There were none.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Discussion:
 - a. Commissioner Schram noted that the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force met and discussed the possibility of a regional concept to deal with AIS, or at least pairing with another county. He has spoken with Larry Krohn, Ottertail County Administrator, and there is interest. He noted that there needs to be ongoing discussions to brainstorm on how to move forward with a better way to attack AIS and informed the Board that AIS will be on the agenda at the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Annual Conference in December, with DNR representation. Commissioner Schram also expressed his support of continuing to utilize volunteers to assist in the prevention of AIS.
 - b. Commissioner Knutson noted that education is the key and Commissioner Okeson also stressed the need for research into eradication of AIS.
 - c. It was the consensus of the Board to have discussions with Ottertail County in reference to AIS and the possibility of collaborating together. It was also noted that the volunteer program is worthwhile and there is a need for more volunteers.
5. Discussion on University of Minnesota Extension Contract:
 - a. Commissioner Nelson voiced his concerns and frustration with the hiring process used by the University of Minnesota Extension for the position of 4-H Program Coordinator for Becker County, to replace Mickey Okeson. The Becker County Extension Service Committee appointed a Search Committee and Tamie Bremseth, Director of Youth Development Operations from the University of Minnesota Extension, did not allow the Search Committee to make their recommendations. Commissioner Nelson reported that a person has been hired and there are no issues with who has been hired, but rather the hiring process used, referencing a breach of contract by the University of Minnesota Extension.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to suspend all payments to the University of Minnesota Extension, until there has been a review of the hiring process of the Becker County 4-H Program Coordinator, and due to a breach of contract by the University of Minnesota Extension. (Nelson, Schram), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: Ryan Tangen presented:

1. Licenses and Permits:
 - a. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-2B, to approve the Premises Permit Application for Lawful Gambling by the Detroit Lakes Shrine Color Guard for operations at B J's Barbecue Shack, 15857 U.S. Highway #59 South, Detroit Lakes, MN, in Detroit Township. (Okeson, Nelson), carried.
 - b. The Motor Vehicle Position request was deferred to the Finance Committee portion of the meeting.

Finance Committee: Ryan Tangen presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Claims, Over-90 Day Claims, and Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
 - a. Over 90-Day Claims:
 - i. David-Donhower in the amount of \$700.00 due to misplaced invoice.
 - ii. Sandy Gunderson in the amount of \$49.40 due to size of claims.
 - b. Auditor's Warrants (Tuesday Bills):
 - i. 09/11/12 in the amount of \$32,646.48
 - ii. 09/13/12 in the amount of \$1,112.63(Nelson, Skarie), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-2A, to approve to hire one (1) Part-Time Licensing Clerk for the Motor Vehicle Department. (Schram, Nelson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Cash Comparison and Investment Summaries for June and July 2012. (Nelson, Okeson), carried.
4. The request to approve the new annual agreement with Heather Harstad/Brandon Braun was deferred until the Human Services portion of the meeting for further discussion and consideration.

Environmental Services: Steve Skoog presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a Sort Line Conveyor at an amount up to \$21,000, including an allowance for installation costs. (Skarie, Schram), carried.

Emergency Management: Rusty Haskins presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant, effective July 2, 2012 through September 30, 2012. (Okeson, Skarie), carried.

Human Services: Nancy Nelson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the Rule 36 Limited Partnership of Duluth waiver agreement. (Skarie, Schram), carried.
2. Discussion was held in reference to the request to approve the new waiver agreement with Heather Harstad/Brandon Braun to provide adult foster/respite care. It was noted that the use of the state contract is required for this agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Schram but died for lack of a second. It was referred to the Human Services Committee for further discussion.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the reports for Adult Services, Child and Family Services, Community Health, Financial Services, and Transit. (Skarie, Schram), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims for Human Services, Community Health, and Transit. (Skarie, Okeson), carried.

Minnesota Counties vs. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac: County Attorney, Michael Fritz, presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to allow Hennepin County, on behalf of all Minnesota Counties, to represent Becker County in a federal court class action suit against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for Becker County to pay its proportional share of the out-of-pocket costs and attorney fees up to, but not to exceed 10% of the recovery, and only if the suit is successful. (Schram, Okeson), carried.

Highway: Brad Wentz presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-12-2C, to authorize the County Engineer to accept quotes for the gravel crushing stockpile at Karkinen Pit (15,000 C.Y.). (Schram, Okeson), carried.

Planning & Zoning: Patty Swenson presented:

1. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commission (September 18, 2012), to approve the request by David Munsinger for a Certificate of Survey to allow two (2) tracts of land (C1-8.5 acres and C2-9.6 acres) and with a change of zone from commercial to residential, located at 26681 West Straight Lake Avenue, in Osage Township, and as submitted, based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance. (Skarie, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commission (September 18, 2012), to approve the request by Joyce Omang for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow three (3) horses on a five (5) acre tract within the shoreland district of a natural environment lake, located at 25674 130th Street on West Twin Lake, in Lake View Township, with the stipulation that the pasture area be kept a minimum of three hundred (300) feet from the lake, based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area. (Okeson, Nelson), carried.
3. Jeff Laliberte, requested to table his application until a later date, for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to replace an existing retaining wall along the shoreline, located on Big Cormorant Lake, 15795 Wermager Beach Road, in Cormorant Township.
4. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commission (September 18, 2012), to approve the request by Ron Schmitz, for a preliminary plat of ten (10) back lots that will be connected by deed to adjacent lake lots (the parcels cannot be sold one away from the other) with Lot 10 not having buildable area due to the setbacks from the natural environment lake, based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance. (Nelson, Skarie), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commission (September 18, 2012), to approve the request by Ron Schmitz, for the final plat for ten (10) back lots that will be connected by deed to adjacent lake lots (the parcels cannot be sold one away from the other) with Lot 10 not having buildable area due to the setbacks from the natural environment lake, based on the fact that it meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance. (Schram, Skarie), carried.

6. It was moved and seconded to concur with the Becker County Planning Commission (September 18, 2012), to approve the request by Gerald Behlmer, for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a pet cremation service, located at 30730 179th Street, in Erie Township, based on the fact that it would be a useful service to the community and would not be detrimental to the surrounding area. (Okeson, Schram), carried.
7. The next informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., in the Third Floor Meeting Room of the courthouse.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. (Okeson, Schram), carried.

Lunch Bunch was held at the American Legion in Detroit Lakes and provided by Rick Kelsven.

/s/ Jack W. Ingstad
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County Administrator

/s/ Larry Knutson
Larry Knutson
Board Chair