BOARD MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes:
1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Knutson. Commissioners in attendance: Knutson, Okeson, Nelson, Grimsley and Vareberg, County Administrator Pat Oman and minute taker Amanda Pachel
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Confirmation – no additions (Okeson, Grimsley) carried.
4. Minutes - moved and seconded to approve minutes of February 1, 2022, with the requested changes. (Grimsley, Okeson) carried.

Commissioners:
1. Open Forum: No one was present.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
   a. Commissioner Grimsley: Redistricting the City of Detroit Lakes, DAC, and Human Services
   b. Commissioner Okeson: Ottertail One Watershed, all day mediation, AMC – Tribal Affairs, Sheriff’s Office Committee, and Finance Committee
   c. Commissioner Nelson: NRM and MRC
   d. Commissioner Knutson: Sheriff’s Office Committee, Environmental Services, and Finance Committee
   e. Commissioner Vareberg: No reports given at this time.
3. Appointments: Motion to appoint Dan Josephson to the Board of Adjustments (Grimsley, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: Pat Oman
1. Report
   a. Begin the process to advertise for a marketing analysis
   b. Held Department Head Meeting
   c. Attended EDA Meeting
   d. Upcoming Airport Meeting
   e. Legislative Law – RMC initially being proposed
2. Appointment of County Recorder – presented by Amy Rissmann
   Motion to appoint Susan Severson as County Recorder at Step 2 with a 6-month review with the County Administrator with the option to move to Step 3 (Nelson, Okeson)
   Motion to amend previous motion to remove option of 6-month step 3 increase from the motion (Grimsley, Vareberg) amended motion carried.

Finance Committee Minutes: Mary Hendrickson
1. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2J to hire One Full-Time Legal Assistant (Okeson, Grimsley) carried.

2. Regular Claims and Auditor Warrants and Over 90 days:

   02/01/2022 in the amount of $13,130.38
   02/08/2022 in the amount of $1,141,636.01
   Total of $1,154,766.39

   Over 90 Days:
   Bad Boys Towing Dated 07/14/2020 in the amount of $345.00, invoice just turned in.
   Honeywell dated 10/01/2021 in the amount of $6,741.11, purchase order misplaced.
   Novus Glass dated 09/23/2021 in the amount of $75.00, invoice just turned in.

   Additional Issue:
   Daran Borth remove $30.00 cell phone reimbursement as he has a County cell phone.

Motion to approve paying Auditor warrants and claims over 90 days (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Auditor – Treasurer: Mary Hendrickson

1. Motion to approve Off Sale – Renewals for Cormorant Bottle Shop – J-Rod Enterprises (Rod Einerson) – Cormorant Township and Lakes Corner Liquors – Lakes Corner Liquors LLC – Erie Township (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion to approve Club On-Sale (including Sunday) Renewal for Frazee Golf Course – Frazee Golf Inc. – Burlington Township (Okeson, Grimsley) carried.

3. Motion to approve On-Sale (including Sunday) – Renewal for Detroit Mountain Recreation Area – Jeffery Stanley – Erie Township (Okeson, Grimsley) carried.

4. Motion to approve Raffle – Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club, for Raffle on February 26, 2022, at Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Township – Resolution #02-22-2B (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Assessor: presented by Lisa Will

1. Motion to approve abatements on 2 parcels due to hardship with a total amount of $13,957.00 (Grimsley, Okeson) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Stacie White

1. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2I to hire a Full-Time IT Support Technician (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren

1. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2C to hire a Full-Time Public Health Supervisor (Grimsley, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion to approve Human Services Claims for Human Services, Public Health, and Transit (Grimsley, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson

1. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2G – State Aid Funding Advance (Okeson, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander
1. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2E – 2022-2023 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2F – Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative Grant (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog
1. Motion to approve County Administrator to sign Recycling Building Construction Contract (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2H to hire a Part-Time Solid Waste Clerk (Vareberg, Grimsley) carried.
3. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2K – County Board Support for Fully Funding SCORE Grants to Counties (Grimsley, Vareberg) carried.

Becker Soil & Water Conservation District: Marsha Watland & Bryan Malone
1. Motion to accept the 2021 Agriculture Inspector Report and Workplan Summary as presented (Nelson, Okeson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg
1. Planning Commission Recommendations 02/08/2021
   a. Conditional Use Permits
      i. Mining operations: Tobias & Sarah Miller parcel number 33.0235.000 and Jared & Jolene Aho parcel number 33.0235.004. The following spoke on the CUP for mining operations:
         • Kyle Vareberg, Becker County Planning & Zoning Commission
         • Jeremy Howard, President of Howard’s Driveway, the company purchasing and hauling the gravel.
         • Don Wurst, Toad Lake Township Chairperson, spoke in favor of approving the CUP after expressing his concerns for 170th St., which Howard’s Driveway agreed to maintain and repair if damaged.
         • Donald & Mary Kramvik, landowners on 170th St, spoke against approval of the CUP due to the potential impact on the neighborhood.

Motion to approve Conditional Use Permits for Mining Operations with the following stipulations put forth by Planning & Zoning: crushing and screening hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, an agreement in place prior to mining between the applicant and Township for maintain the road and repairing any damage to the road, dust control for the Township road and the private access road on the applicants property with recommendations of calcium chloride or equivalent as needed for dust control, and the total mine area be limited to 18.5 acres within the proposed boundaries (Vareberg, Nelson) motion carried, Grimsley opposed.

   ii. Automotive Shop for repair and restoration: Fred G S Lassonade III & Anna Lassonade parcel number 19.0482.000

Motion to approve with changes of 8 vehicles without screen or up to 15 vehicles max with a screen, biannual clean up, and annual inspections (Okeson, Nelson) carried.

1. Zoning Amendments
a. Easement width
Motion to approve easement width change recommended by the Planning Commission (Okeson, Vareberg) Grimsley called for a roll call vote: Nelson – opposed, Grimsley – opposed, Okeson – in favor, Knutson – in favor, Vareberg – in favor – Motion failed as it was not a 4/5 majority Planning & Zoning requires.

b. Impervious surface overage
Motion to table impervious surface overage amendment (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

c. Board Member Conduct Attendance
Motion to approve Board Member Conduct Attendance amendment recommended by the Planning Commission (Nelson, Grimsley) carried.

d. Wetland setbacks
Motion to table wetland setbacks amendment (Grimsley, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2D to hire a Part-Time Office Support Specialist (Nelson, Grimsley) carried.

3. Motion to approve Resolution #02-22-2A Salary Setting for Committees (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway 34 Project Presentation: the following spoke regarding the 2023 Highway 34 Project:
- Cleone Stewart, Visit Detroit Lakes Tourism Director, spoke against the portion of MnDOT’s 2023 Highway 34 project that involved removing trees and vegetation. Stewart requested the Becker County Board send a letter of support requesting MnDOT reconsider the tree and vegetational removal planned for the Highway 34 Project.
- Bill Henke, Izaak Walton League, spoke against the portion of MnDOT’s 2023 Highway 34 project that involved removing trees and vegetation. Henke also requested the Becker County Board send a letter of support requesting MnDOT reconsider the tree and vegetation removal planned for the Highway 34 Project.
- Greg Riedman, Becker County landowner, spoke against the removal of trees during the 2023 Highway 34 MnDOT project.
- Howard Mooney, Becker County landowner, spoke against the removal of trees during the 2023 Highway 34 MnDOT project.

Motion to submit a letter of support for requesting reconsideration tree and vegetation removal of during the 2023 Highway 34 Project, send to Representatives and MnDOT (Nelson, Grimsley) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Knutson adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

/s/ Pat Oman
County Administrator

/s/ Larry Knutson
Board Chair