

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, March 19, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board Chair Okeson. Commissioners in attendance: Okeson, Meyer, Vareberg, Jepson and Nelson, Interim County Administrator Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve agenda (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of March 5, 2024, with the requested changes (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Todd Simison – Appreciate Board Members testifying in opposition of White Earth Land bills.
 - Gerry Schram – Thank you for passing Resolution in opposition of White Earth Land bills. Must stay on top of legislation.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, Senior Council, NW Regional Emergency Communications Board, Comp Plan.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Dancing Sky, RAC, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Testimony at Legislative Session.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Highway, Union Negotiations.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, Highway.
3. Appointments
 - None.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Becker County Museum – presented by Becky Mitchell.
 - Recap of 2023 – Paid admissions are up. The building is being utilized.

- Motion and second to reimburse museum for insurance up to \$10,412 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Airport T-Hanger Project Contract Bid Awards: presented by Kelcey Klemm.
 - Motion and second to approve the Airport Hanger Bid (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
 3. Report
 - Union negotiations are ongoing.
 - Liza from DDA will be on site tomorrow regarding the Administrator search.
 - Discussion on the Bills coming thru legislation regarding land transfer and first right of purchase.
 - Motion and second to pay for mileage and per diem for commissioners when they testify in front of the legislature (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
 - Project 412 Information – Travel to Arkansas end of May.
 - Motion and second to authorize out of state travel for an employee or RAC member (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
 - Received written confirmation from Clay County that they did reappoint Duane Erickson on behalf of Becker County to the Wild Rice Watershed District Board.
 - Employee Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, March 22 at 9:00 am.
 - BeckerBay auction is ongoing.
 4. Lobbyist Update.
 - Signed contract with Todd Hill in the amount of \$12,000.
 5. DDA for Job Descriptions.
 - Already approved in the amount of \$24,000.
 6. Discussion – Hiring outside council for Zoning.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution - 03-24-2A – Detroit Lakes Lions Club Raffle 08-03-24 Soo Pass Ranch (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolutions 03-24-2E Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo 06-15-24 at Meadow Lake Campsite in Lake View Twp, 03-24-2F Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo 07-06-24 at Meadow Lake Campsite in Lake View Twp, Resolution 03-24-2G Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo 08-17-24 at Meadow Lake Campsite in Lake View Twp, and Resolution 03-24-2H Detroit Lakes Lions Club Bingo 08-31-24 at Meadow Lake Campsite in Lake View Twp (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal for the following businesses – Pit 611 – Mike Williams – Lake Eunice Twp, Detroit Mountain Recreation – Tom Thiel – Erie Twp, Cormorant Pub – Gretchen Hunter – Cormorant Twp, Detroit

- Country Club – David Blomseth – Lakeview Twp, Parallel 46 – Lynne Stockstad – Cormorant Twp, Bleachers – Tim Coyne – Lakeview Twp (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve 3.2 Off-Sale – Renewal for County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lakeview Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
 5. Motion and second to approve Off-Sale – Renewal – 4 Corners – Joshua Swangler – Erie Twp (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
 6. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-21 – Repurchase Parcel 16.0125.000 (Okeson, Jepson) carried.

Attorney: presented by Brian McDonald.

1. Withdraw discussion of retention bonuses for Assistant County Attorneys until next meeting.
2. Discussion of First Assistant Attorney Position – plan to backfill the position.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of Laptops and PCs from NOW MICRO in the amount of \$76,300 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Minnesota Cities Participation Program (MCP) update.
2. Economics Futures Workshop – U of M Extension.
 - Becker County will host the workshop with a target date of the end of May.
 - Motion and second to approve hosting and using County facilities (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.

Public Hearing – ATV Ordinance

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Discussion - Class 1 ATV Ordinance #21 – Legally operate along the extreme right-hand side of CR 38 from Balmi Cemetery Road into the City of Wolf Lake.
3. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Ordinance #21 (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve the Application for a State Recycling Grant up to \$850,000 (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-2B – West Lake Drive Phase 1 Final Payment to Legion Road in the amount of \$51,205.32 (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-2C – West Lake Drive Phase 2 Final Payment to Hough, Inc. in the amount of \$79,616.61 (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 03-24-2D – Bid Award CSAH 42, CSAH 44, CSAH 47 to Mark Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$4,071,867.02 (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Monitoring Well Installation at the Old Highway Building to Metco in the amount of \$37,277 with up to 90% of the cost being reimbursed (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.

Motion to close the meeting at 10:29 am pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Motion and second to come out of closed session at 10:53 am (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:54 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	John Okeson
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	Interim County Administrator		Board Chair