

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, May 21, 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 with the addition of Comp & Class Study (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of May 7, 2024, with the requested changes (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of May 14, 2024 Special Meeting (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve and accept the Consent Agenda and remove the snowmobile claim for clarification (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein, Judge Gretchen Thilmony, Judge Michelle Lawson, Kristal Kadrie and Jodi Kulik.

1. Update on Treatment Court and All-Rise National Treatment Court Month Proclamation.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2D – All-Rise National Treatment Court Month Proclamation (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Rick Michaelson – PRWSD Appointments – Support for reappointment of Charlie Jasken and Orrin Okeson.
 - Ray Higgins – Executive Vice President of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association – Importance of Becker County Timber.
 - Dennis Kral – PRWSD Appointments – Support for reappointment of Charlie Jasken and Orrin Okeson.
 - Birch Burdick - PRWSD Appointments – Support for reappointment of Charlie Jasken and Orrin Okeson.

2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA, Human Services.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Lakes Country Services Co-Op, Partnership 4 Health, Historical Society, Fair Board.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Airport, Pelican River Watershed District, Finance.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – EDA, Logging Meeting.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Lake Area Regional Library, Lakeland Mental Health.
3. Appointments
 - Pelican River Watershed District.
 - Motion and second to Reappoint Orrin Okeson to the Pelican River Watershed District (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
 - Motion and second to Reappoint Charlie Jasken to the Pelican River Watershed District (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report
 - CivicPlus Computer Software Data Request Tracking Software discussion.
 - Purchases and Board Approval Clarification. Discuss at Finance and create a policy.
 - Grant Awards Discussion. How to accept them depends on amount and matching funds. Discuss at Finance and create a policy.
2. Logging Meeting Friday.
 - Discussion on logging on State Forfeited Lands. Questions asked but not readily answered.
 - Research creating a County Ordinance for safety around logging equipment.
3. Airport.
 - Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2F – Concurring with The Proposed Issuance and Sale of Taxable General Obligation Municipal Revenue Bonds (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2K – Class & Compensation 10 Step Pay Scale (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
5. Interim Assessor Introduction – Nancy Gunderson.
 - Prism certified last Friday.
 - Motion and second to approve the abatements as listed in the amount of \$4,868 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2A – Establish Temporary Absentee Location (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2B – Gambling Permit - July 13, 2024 for Pheasants Forever at Lakeview Golf Course in Lakeview Twp (Meyer, Okeson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2C – Gambling Permit – November 1, 2024 for Midnite Riders Snowmobile Club at Tri-Lakes Roadhouse in Cormorant Twp (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2G – Repurchase of Parcel 02.0087.001 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2H – Personnel Request - Public Health New FT Public Health RN utilizing grant funding (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-1-2I – Personnel Request – Adult Services PT to FT Case Aide utilizing grant funding (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Update on On-Call Pay for IT.
 - Two (2) employees and Judy. Start on a Monday for a week.
 - Primarily for criminal justice.
 - Tickets to track the calls and request proportionate compensation from outside entities.
 - Motion and second to move forward with pay for IT On-Call (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-24-2L – Heartland Trail – Wetland Property Purchase from Ease Properties, LLC in the amount of \$40,453 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Amanda Pachel.

1. County Administrator Search: presented by Liza Donabauer with DDA Human Resources.

- 25 initial applicants. Screened down to 11 by DDA with 3 withdrawing leaving 8 applicants to consider for Finalist.
- Selection of Finalists via a ballot.
 - Motion and second to interview top 3 candidates with an alternate should one of the top candidates withdraw (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Discuss Interview Schedule.
 - Interviews on June 11. Meet with Department Heads and Informal Meet & Greet with Public Officials.
- Determine Appropriate Travel Reimbursement for Finalists.
 - Consensus to pay mileage at current IRS rate.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

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