

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, August 20, 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, County Administrator Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda with the addition of a Temporary Liquor License, removal of the Coroner Introduction to a later meeting, and to remove the action item from Land Use regarding Toad Mountain (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of August 6, 2024, with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items – Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 08-24-2A – Conservation Designation, June 2024 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, Human Services: Policy Change – Burial Policy Changes, Human Services Claims: Human Service, Public Health, & Transit (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - John Challey – Establish the ability to track a Zoning complaint.
 - Gerry Schram – Against the Toad Mountain Project.
 - Clark Lee – Against the Toad Mountain Project.
 - Dave Knopf – Against the Toad Mountain Project.
 - Doug LeSage – Against Toad Mountain Project.
 - Gary Coson – Becker County School Mandate to teach Democracy.
 - Bob Backman – Concerned with water quality and land use with regards to wake boats & wake surfing.
 - Willis Mattison – Impacts of Wake Boats and Wake Surfing in our lakes.
 - Larry Knutson – Against Toad Mountain Project.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:

- Commissioner Jepson – EDA Housing Subcommittee, EDA, Human Services, attended the BC Fair, Toad Mountain Meetings.
- Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, attended the BC Fair.
- Commissioner Meyer - Courthouse, attended the BC Fair, RAC, Historical Society.
- Okeson – RAC.
- Vareberg – Human Services.

3. Appointments

- None

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. White Earth Tribal Court Program Update: provided by Lori Thompson.

- DWI Court Update – Quarter One Period: April 1, 2024-June 30, 2024
 - 8 individuals this quarter, 61 total since 2015.
 - 56% completion rate since 2015.
 - No jail time this quarter. Average of 22 months to finish program.
- Assistant Tribal Probation Agent Initiative (ATPO)
 - 64 Clients participated since 02/26/2024.
 - 9 currently in warrant status or in jail pending resolution of their violations.
 - 34 discharged from ATPO.

2. Motion and second to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Buck Mills Brewing at Maple Hills Orchard in Burlington Twp on September 14, 2024 (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

3. Report:

- Still have outstanding Union Contracts. Hoping to get the 3 years contracts brought back to the board soon.
- Attended the Project 412 Pitch night.
- Job Descriptions are being reviews and pushed to the departments.

4. Budget Updates.

- Most of the budgets have been seen thru committees.
- Working Budget Session in September.

5. HR Director Update. Offer has been made, start date of September 9.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren and Lucy Meyer.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-24-2B – Personnel Request – New Behavioral Health Co-Supervisor (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog and Mitch Lundeen.

1. Update of Master Plan for Toad Mountain Project.
 - Public Input meeting in Wolf Lake and at the Courthouse.
 - i. Turnout was good at both meetings.
 - ii. Concerns with market value, possible burial sites, survey was biased.
 - iii. Toad Lake Twp Board voted against this project.
 - Bring back to September 17 meeting.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Sheriff's Office Construction/Planning Update.
 - Motion and second to table and bring back to the Sheriff Committee (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Ceremonial Oath – Deputies Mike McCombs, Leah Horner, and Blake Olson.

Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am.

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