

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, September 17, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

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

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda and add the EDA Housing Contract Renewal (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of September 3, 2024, with the requested changes (Jepson, 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 09-24-2A – Rocky Mountain Elk Raffle at Cormorant Lakes Sportsman Club on 11.23.2024 in Cormorant Twp, Resolution 09-24-2D – Marshmallow Animal Shelter Raffle on 10.12.2024 at Pit 611 in Lake Eunice Twp, COJ Memo, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, DHS CMH Screening Grant Contract, Sourcewell Adult Foster Care Licensing Agreement 2025, Americorp/Ampact Amendment 2025, Land Use: Resolution 09-24-2E -Sponsor for the Woods and Wheels ATV Club for Grant-in-Aid (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Karen Daggett – Beauty of Toad Mountain.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA Special Meeting, Sr Council.
 - Commissioner Nelson – AMC, Finance, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Lakes Country Services Co-op, RAC.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Highway.
3. Appointments
 - None.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to approve the Housing Management Contract with MMCDC for 1 year in the amount of \$220,888 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Introduction of our new Human Resources Director Teaira Christen.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-2B – Becker County 2025 Proposed Tax Levy at 7.5% (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-24-2C – EDA 2025 Proposed Tax Levy in the amount of \$245,000 (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
4. We are hosting the next Joint Governance Meeting on October 1 at 7:00 am prior to the Board Meeting.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. License List.
 - Motion and second to approve the Tobacco License Renewal for Seven Sisters Spirits – James Kalberer – Lakeview Twp, County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lakeview Twp, and 4 Corners Convenience Store – Joshua Swangler – Erie Twp (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
 - Motion and second to approve the Tobacco License Renewal – Seasonal – Wildflower Golf Course – Beth Schupp – Lake Eunice Twp (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to approve the Combination On/Off-Sale Liquor License – New Owners – The Fishbowl – Kari Friesen – Erie Twp (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. 2024 Driver & Vehicle Services Request.
 - Ask for more information and bring back to the October 1 Board Meeting.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the Microsoft O365 Renewal in the amount of \$100,229.94 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 5 Squad Cars in the amount of \$248,587.72 with budgeted funds (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Toad Mountain Project Update.

- David Schlossman – DNR purchase is another option but it wouldn't be as flexible.
- Larry Hanson – Restore the mountain back to what it used to be.
- Roxanne Zick – Not in favor of purchasing Toad Mountain.
- Clark Lee – Please don't table your decision, vote no.
- Willis Mattison – Preserve and restore Toad Mountain.
- Gerry Schram – Against purchasing Toad Mountain.
- Lori Laine – Too many red flags, against purchasing Toad Mountain.
- Lori Mitchell – Vote it down. Too much stress on the lake.
- Doug LeSage – Against purchasing Toad Mountain.
- Larry Knutson – Property is not unique. Against purchasing Toad Mountain.
- Motion and second to reject all service providers offers and bids including SRF and discontinue our pursuit of the purchase of Toad Mountain (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. 2024 Becker County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Discussion.

- Bolten & Menk has modified some things.
- Kyle Vareberg has requested a Public Hearing for October 8.
- October 15 Board Meeting look at taking action on the Comp Plan.
- Motion and second to approve a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on October 8 at 8:30 am (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Being no further business, Vice Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	David Meyer
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	County Administrator		Vice Chair