

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, October 1, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by 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 and add the EDA Child Care Grant Opportunity Information (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of September 17, 2024 (Meyer, Jepson) 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, License List: Annual Tobacco License Renewal for: Lake Park C-Store-David Blomseth-Lake Park Twp, Lakes Corner Liquors-Aaron Aslesen-Erie Twp, Cormorant Bottle Shop-Rod Einerson-Cormorant Twp, Richwood Store-Kerry Swiers-Richwood Twp, Chief Corner Store-Patricia Moran-Pine Point Twp, The Cormorant Store-Lars Odegaard-Cormorant Twp, The 59er-Jackie Collins-Detroit Twp, Osage Bait & Tackle-Peggy Branstrom-Osage Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, NRM/Parks & Rec: Resolution 10-24-1I-2025 Fee Schedule, Environmental Services: Resolution 10-24-1E-2025 Solid Waste Assessment, Auditor-Treasurer: August Cash Comparisons, Sales Tax & Investments (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Doug LeSage-Against Toad Mountain purchase.
 - Roxanne Zick-Against Toad Mountain purchase.
 - Dave Schlossman-Publicly thank the donor who supports purchasing Toad Mountain.
 - Jace Inglestad-Publicly thank the donor who supports purchasing Toad Mountain.
 - Larry Knutson-Largest levy in 15 years. Against Toad Mountain purchase.

- Willis Mattison-Supports Toad Mountain purchase. Comp Plan needs language regarding wake boats.
 - Clark Lee-Against Toad Mountain purchase.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Mahube, EDA, Benefits.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Benefits, Lakeland Mental Health, Sunnyside, Extension, Sheriff, NRM, Courthouse.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sunnyside, Courthouse, DAC, Fair Board.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, EDA, Environmental.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Fair Board, PLMSV, Negotiations, Wannigan Park.
 3. Appointments
 - None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Jim Olson, Highway Engineer, has requested dates for the Road Tour. Looking at the end of October, beginning of November.
 - Tribal Leadership Meeting request by White Earth Nation. Looking at dates for a work session.
 - AMC District 4 meeting – Friday, October 18.
2. EDA: presented by Cody Piper.
 - Child Care Grant information. Bring it back to the October 15th Board Meeting.
3. Township Association Meeting – October 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm.
4. Resolution 10-24-1A – Change to Exempt Status was not voted on.
 - Motion and second to change the Highway Maintenance Supervisor from Exempt to hourly starting the next pay cycle (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-1D – Toad Mountain Donation revising the Resolution to state the pledged donation is up to \$250,000 with the initial donation to be used to allow a Master Plan which is nonrefundable (Nelson, Okeson) carried.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-1B – Establish a Local Corrections Advisory Board (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-1C – Decline 2024 Driver & Vehicle Services Request (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Benefits update.
 - Motion and second to change the following benefits to MetLife: Vision (from Avesis) Dental (from Humana), Short-Term Disability (from Sun Life) and Accident (from Signa) (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-1F – Convert PT Solid Waste Transfer Truck Driver/Transfer Station Worker to FT (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander & Shane Richard.

1. Purchase – Body Worn Cameras using Public Safety Funds.
 - Motion and second to table until the October 15 meeting (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a UTV Side by Side from Okeson Offtrail Sales in the amount of \$33,844.97 from Legislative Public Safety Aid funds (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to accept the grant - BCA Anti-Heroin Task Force Program-Joint Powers Agreement (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
4. Motion and second to table Resolution 10-24-1G – Personnel Request – New Deputy until the October 15 Board Meeting and bring back more funding information (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-1H – Personnel Request – New Corrections Officer (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
6. Motion and second to accept the 2025 TZD (Toward Zero Death) Enforcement Grant Agreement in the amount of \$24,150 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations of 09/25/2024.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Travis Howard – Request a Conditional Use Permit for Storage Units (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Daniel & Kari Kleist – Request a Conditional Use Permit to construct a retaining wall (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Ryan & Andrea Berg – Request a Change of Zone from Residential to Agricultural and a Conditional Use Permit to operate a business for horse boarding, riding, and lessons (Okeson, Nelson) carried.
2. Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting on October 8 at 8:30 am in the Commissioners Boardroom.

Being no further business, Board Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

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