

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, October 15, 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 Finance Agenda, Resolution 10-24-2E – Acceptance of Legislative Public Safety Aid, and before the work session do not adjourn the meeting but go into recess until Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 8:15 am and go into Closed Session per Minn. Statue 13D.05 Subd.2 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of October 1 and October 8, 2024 with the requested changes (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: Toad Lake Store-Cynthia Knoll-Toad Lake Twp, Ice Cracking Lodge-Tandra Parsons-Round Lake Twp, Sunlite Bar & Grill-HJ Gerdes-Detroit Twp, Richwood Off-Sale-John Johnson-Richwood Twp, Dollar General-Emily Taylor-Cormorant Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Environmental Services: Resolution 10-24-2D-2024 Solid Waste Fee Schedule, Parks & Rec-Dunton Locks Park Electrical Upgrade, Assessor: Abatement-Parcel 19.841.000 in the amount of \$190 (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Julie Scothorn – Rethink the Comp Plan.
 - Willis Mattison – Open Letter by Izaak Walton League.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Nelson- Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Sr. Council, Toad Lake.
 - Meyer – Sheriff, Toad Lake, Negotiations, Historical Society, Transit.

- Okeson – Negotiations, Transit.
 - Vareberg – None.
3. Appointments
- None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - AMC dues will increase \$2000 in 2025. We can have one more AMC delegate.
 - Bringing forward cannabis discussion.
 - Bring HR Policy updates to Board Meetings for review and approval.
2. Motion and second to approve the 3-year LELS Supervisor Union Contract, allowing for modification of grammatical errors to be corrected by the Administrator (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
3. Special General Fund Update. Current balance deducting outstanding obligations is \$1,915,344.14.
4. Highway Road Tour Date – Wednesday, November 6 at 8:30 am meeting at Highway.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-2B – Accept Election Grant in the amount of \$34,776.60 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-2C – Purchase of 5 Poll Pads in the amount of \$10,425 using Election Grant Funds (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander & Shane Richard.

1. Motion and second to accept Resolution 10-24-2E – Legislative Public Safety Aid Funds in the amount of \$996,097 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-24-2A – Personnel Request – New Deputy (Meyer, Vareberg) carried.
3. Motion and second to purchase Body Worn Cameras from Axon Enterprises using \$639,727.50 out of Public Safety Funds and the remaining \$400,000 from budgeted funds over the next 5 years (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to apply for the Child Care Grant and be the Fiscal Host (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Motion and second to go into Closed Session at 9:54 am pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05 Subd. 3(d) – IT Infrastructure (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Motion and second to come out of Closed Session at 10: 14 am (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Board Chair Okeson recessed the meeting until Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 8:15 am where they will go into Closed Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 2.

Work Session to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Closed session on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 8:15 am was cancelled.

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