

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, November 5, 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 with the following changes: add a 6th vehicle to the Sheriff's request to sell vehicles and add Toad Lake Township Resolution to Land Use agenda (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of October 15, 2024 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to pull Highway: Intersection Lighting Project for further discussion and 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: Dollar General – Emily Taylor – Cormorant Twp, Resolution 11-24-1A – Repurchase 50.0135.000, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, MSUM Nursing Experience MOA 2025-2029, SMSU Social Worker Experience MOA 2025-2029, Transit: Resolution 11-24-1F – Americans with Disabilities Act Plan, Environmental Services: Dynamic Lifecycle Service Agreement, Sheriff: Jail – Food Service Management Agreement Amendment, Request to sell Six (6) Squad Vehicles , Highway: Sale of 2013 Tandem Plow Truck, Culvert Liner Repair – CSAH 21 & CSAH 18, Administration: The following Township Boards Opposition to Transferring State Owned Tax Forfeit Land within the White Earth Forest to The White Earth Band of The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe – Callaway, Spring Creek, Sugarbush, Walworth, White Earth, Eagle View, Maple Grove, Savannah, Round Lake, Riceville, and Forest Township (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Probation: presented by Brian Rubenstein.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1G – Pretrial Supervision Proclamation (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Veterans Services: presented by Heidi Harthun.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1B – Operation Green Light for Veterans (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:

- Roxanne Zick – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Lori Laine – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Scott Hilde – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Dave Knopf – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Gerry Schram – Not listening to townships. Forest roads are terrible.
- Randy Wurst – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Clark Lee – Against moving forward with Toad Mountain.
- Willis Mattison – In favor of moving forward with Toad Mountain.

2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:

- Commissioner Jepson – West Central Regional Juvenile Center, West Central Economic Board, Crow Wing One Watershed One Policy, AMC District 4.
- Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, Lakeland Mental Health, Soil & Water, Courthouse.
- Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Courthouse, Historical Society, Dancing Sky, DAC, Fair Board, RAC, Finance.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Highway.
- Commissioner Okeson – Highway, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste, Airport, AMC District 4, RAC.

3. Appointments

- None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Introduction: County Coroner Dr. Nicole Strand.

2. Report:

- Initial Safety Committee Update.
- RFPs for Homeless Prevention Grant will be reviewed next week.
- Capital Budgeting – Work Session at a later date.
- Cannabis Work Session at a later date.

3. Motion and second to approve the 3 Year LELS Contract with modifications (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1K – Purchase of County Fleet Vehicles using LATCF Funds not to exceed \$165,515.18 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1C – Capital Contribution to the Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport Commission in the amount of \$650,000 from the Special General Fund as a loan that will be repaid (Okeson, Jepson) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1D – Support for Clay County PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility) (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
7. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1E – Elected Officials Salaries (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1H – 2025 Insurance Benefits Cash in Lieu of \$734.15 per month for all Non-Union, AFSME Highway, LELS391 Deputies, LELS390 Sheriff Supervisor and LELS565 Essential Administrators or \$704.16 per month when employee + 1 or family medical insurance plan is selected for all LELS419 Dispatch and Jailers, Human Services Supervisors, Teamsters Courthouse, Teamsters Human Services, and Teamsters Confidential Sheriff Clerical (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to update the Vacation Policy to reflect vacation leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 240 hours on March 31st of each year. Any vacation leave accumulated in excess of 240 hours as of March 31st will be lost to the employee and donated to the catastrophic medical leave sharing bank (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve a Personnel Policy Addition - Married full-time employees may both contribute their county paid contribution of the lowest HSA eligible plan toward one Employee + 1 or Family medical insurance premium (Meyer, Jepson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-24-1J – MPCA Grant Application Request (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
2. Acknowledgement of Toad Lake Township Resolution Adopting an Interim Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium.
3. Resolution 11-24-1I – SRF Professional Services Agreement.
 - Motion and second to not accept the Master Plan and return the \$52,000 donation to the anonymous donor (Vareberg, Jepson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 10-30-2024

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for JAA Land LLC – Request a Final Plat for a common interest community consisting of twenty-eight (28) units to be known as Turtle Lake Toy Lockers (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for John & DeeAnn Amundson – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to replace a retaining wall (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Fortner Remmich Revocable Trust – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to replace retaining walls (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Kasey Klemm – an Amendment to an existing Conditional Use Permit, recorded document number 654801 to amend stipulation 6 to a 10-year timeline (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

2. Comp Plan

- Update on Work Session Revisions. Bring back revised Comp Plan on November 19th.
- Public Hearing question responses.
 - i. Grammatical errors and state statute error have been taken care of.
 - ii. CAFO’s – identifying suitable locations doesn’t mean they are automatically approved.
 - iii. Wake boat concerns need to be petitioned to the respective lake association before coming to the board.
 - iv. Residential growth is limited. DNR land is not targeted as residential.
 - v. Agencies have been given notice to engage in the process.

Being no further business, Board Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am.

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ John Okeson
John Okeson
Board Chair