

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse All Present

Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of January 09, 2007 (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Commissioners

1. Open Forum – No Participants.
2. Reports & Correspondence:

Commissioner Nelson Reports:

- a. The Lake Agassiz Regional Library report was presented. Funding for libraries on state and local levels was discussed. Becker County has the most volunteer participation in the system.
- b. January 9, he attended the Historical Society Noon Meeting. They are looking at re-locating the Historical Society or re-modeling where they are presently located. Sunnyside Care Center Meeting. Some longtime employees are retiring. The Care Center is doing well financially.
- c. For your information. Two individuals are doing a Quiet Title on an alley with access to Cormorant Lake. The Sportsman Club and Cormorant Township are in opposition.

Commissioner Salminen Reports: No Reports

Commissioner Mulari Reports:

- a. Attended the Swift Plant Meeting. At the next meeting they will consider bids for asbestos removal.
- b. Attended the Becker County Children's Initiative Meeting where they discussed a time study and its effect on the budget.
- c. Lakeland Mental Health will be having their Annual Meeting on February 19, in Fergus Falls at the Event Center starting at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:

- a. Attended County Government 101 Training in the cities last week. Very informative and met many people. We discussed using e-mail and one needs to be sensitive to watch what you send in the e-mail.

Commissioner Knutson Reports:

- a. Attended the Natural Resources Meeting. Pushing to gain public access to publicly owned tax-forfeit land.
- b. Attended the Fair Board Meeting. The Members of the Fair Board attended the 4-H Committee Meeting in the Cities and reported a 12% increase in 4-H membership

Brian C. Berg, County Administrator Reports:

- a. The Building Committee met Friday, January 12 concerning the future vacated offices in the Courthouse.
- b. He also reported on the Parking Ramp Committee meeting held January 19 at the City Administration Building.

3. Appointments:

- a. It was moved and seconded to appoint Harry Johnston to the Planning Commission (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
 - b. It was moved and seconded to appoint Jim Sinclair to the Board of Adjustments (Bellefeuille, Mulari), carried.
4. Presentation: To Karen Mulari for serving as County Board Chair in 2006. She was presented with a plaque with a gavel.
 5. It was moved and seconded for any Commissioner to attend the Lakeland Mental Health Annual Meeting in Fergus Falls on February 19, at the Event Center at 11:00 a.m. (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
 6. It was moved and seconded to Advertise for Bids for the Parking Ramp Project (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
 7. It was moved and seconded to approve Karen Mulari's appointment to Minnesota Futures and to approve attendance of meetings and reimbursement of travel costs and per diems (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
 8. There was discussion on an e-mail from the Association of Minnesota Counties to choose alternates for Committees. Before final decisions are made, the Department Heads will be made aware of this request.
 9. Reminder: On January 25, at 10:00 a.m., County Board Room, an award of a Purple Heart will be presented.

Public Hearing/Auditor/Treasurer: Request re-name Bullhead Lake.

- a. After hearing from those in favor of the name change to Lower Cormorant, it was moved to approve the changing the name of Bullhead Lake (Salminen). Motion dies for lack of a second.

- b. It was moved and seconded to allow to change the name of Bullhead Lake to a name other than Lower Cormorant (Salminen, Mulari) Motion and second were withdrawn.
- c. It was moved to allow a name change from Bullhead Lake to East Bay (Salminen). Motion dies for lack of a second.
- d. It was moved and seconded to table the motion to change the name of Bullhead Lake (Knutson, Mulari) Motion and second was withdrawn.

Close Public Hearing – Commissioner Nelson, Board Chair

1. It was moved and seconded to continue the re-name process on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. (Knutson, Mulari), carried.

Auditor/Treasurer

1. It was moved and seconded to approve a New Annual Tobacco License for Rayna Tucker, Northwoods Recreation LLC. – Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Township, and a New On/Off Sale 3.2 Beer License: Rayna Tucker, Northwoods Recreation LLC – Ice Cracking Lodge, Round Lake Township (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the re-purchase of Tax-Forfeit Land on Resolution No. 01-07-2D, approving the application of Darrel J. Cusey for Parcel No. R49.0002.001 in the amount of \$3,306 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Finance Committee Meeting

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims (Mulari, Knutson), carried.
2. The Sheriff will be on the Agenda later. Natural Resources Management will be on the Agenda later.
3. IT Capital Purchase Request. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a new Firewall at the cost of \$3,000 (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a Printer for the Assessor's Office at the cost of \$650 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
5. Highway Wheel Loader Purchase later on the Agenda.
6. Discussion of the Ditch Assessment Fee for \$1 per parcel to cover the cost of an employee entering the assessment and distribution to the appropriate entities.
7. Discussion of Gravel Tax and the declining amount of gravel tax collected while construction continues at a steady pace.
8. Library Funding Discussion: Additional funding request from LARL for 2007.
9. Coroner Discussion of fees and compensation. Discussion will continue at the next finance meeting.

10. It was moved and seconded to authorize to request budget to actual fluctuation explanation for all line items, plus and minus 10% and greater than \$750 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Assessor

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Abatement for Parcel No. R14.0119.003, Hamden Township, No Commercial Use, \$526 (Mulari, Salminen), carried.

Human Resources/Pay Equity Report

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report and authorize the Board Chair to sign the report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Human Services

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the Adult Services Report (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Case Load Trends (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Public Assistance Applications (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the following Purchase of Services Contract (Salminen, Mulari), carried.

Development Achievement Center for their Program and Semi-Independent Living Skills

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Mulari), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Sheriff

1. It was moved and seconded to renew the annual Jail Food Service contract with Aviands, LLC for 2007 commencing January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007 reflecting a 2.8% increase (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

2. It was moved and seconded to accept and sign the Joint Powers Agreement from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 with the Minnesota Department of Corrections which includes their payment to Becker County for \$53,257 for the full-time Sentence to Serve and the secondary quarter time position from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 for the Juvenile program used by probation and the Courts, which includes Saturday usage, for the payment of \$17,903 (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of rain gear for Auxiliary Part-Time Officers. This purchase will use funds established by donations and payments given to the Part-Time Unit (Bellefeuille, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-07-2F, to hire a full-time Correctional Officers from the pool list, and if filling of this position results in a part-time vacancy, to hire a part-time Correctional Officer for the vacancy from the pool list (Salminen, Bellefeuille), carried.

Natural Resources

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-07-2C authorizing the Public Oral Auction Dates for the Sale of Timber Stumpage from Tax-Forfeited Lands on the following dates (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Friday, February 23

Friday, July 27

Friday, October 26

2. It was moved and seconded to approve to Advertise for Bids for Tree Seeding Planting of 201,000 seedlings (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Highway

1. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-07-02 A, Bridge Bond Grant for Bridge 93104 in the amount of \$127,155 and affirms that any cost of the bridge in excess of the grant will be appropriated from the funds available to Becker County, and that any grant monies appropriated for the bridge but not required, based on the final estimate, shall be returned to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund (Knutson, Bellefeuille), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-07-2B, authorizing the County Engineer to purchase off the State Bid a 2.7 cy Case Wheel Loader from Titen, Inc. of Fargo, ND, with the option of a lease to purchase covering a Five (5) year term. The County Engineer is also authorized to purchase the 84 month, 6,000 hour extended warranty for \$3,728.57 at the time of purchase (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. Brad Wentz, County Engineer, gave the Board a copy of the Association of Minnesota Counties 2007-08 Legislative Policy Positions for review and discussion .

Planning & Zoning

1. Becker County Planning Commission (PC) of January 16, 2007

- 1) **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Michael Cossette, Cormorant Township. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendation of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential and the preliminary plat consisting of 6 lots based on the fact that the application is not a detriment to the surrounding area, with the stipulation that the plat include the conservation easement, walkway, docking as shown in the revised plan and all storm water be diverted to the north (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- 2) **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Kevin Karst, Big Toad Lake. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and the recommendations of the PC to approve a conditional use permit for a home based phone-dispatching business, as outlined in the business plan submitted with the application, based on the fact that the use would not be detrimental to the surrounding area (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
- 3) **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Paul Krueger, Lake Melissa. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and the recommendations of the PC to approve the change of zone from agricultural to residential based on the fact that the zone change is compatible with the surrounding area and approve the certificate of survey for three tracts of land with the stipulation that Tract C be 100 feet wide at the building setback line based on the fact that the lots are riparian to Lake Melissa and there is a topographical divide preventing run off into Mill Pond (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
- 4) **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Final Plat of Cormorant Meadows, Jason Benson. It was moved and seconded to concur with the findings and recommendation of the PC based on the fact that the final plat meets the criteria of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance (Knutson, Mulari), carried.
- 5) **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Informational Meeting. There will be a meeting in February and an Information Tour.
- 6) **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Election of Officers. Kovala made a motion to keep the 2006 officers in the same positions for 2007: Brufoldt – Chairman; Moritz – Secretary; Kovala – Vice Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Brian C. Berg
Brian C. Berg
County Administrator

/s/ Barry Nelson
Barry Nelson
Board Chair