

REGULAR MEETING AS POSTED  
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.  
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda:

1. Meeting presided over by Chair Bellefeuille. Commissioners in attendance; also Human Resource Director, Nancy Grabanski and Minute Taker, Kathy Fingalson.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2010 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
  - a) Tim O'Hara, Minnesota Forest Industries, spoke reference the proposed suspension of timber sales. He was opposed to suspending sales and suggested managing acres for the highest income; The University of Minnesota offers management plans at no cost.
  - b) Jerry Richards, Norbord Minnesota, spoke reference the proposed suspension of timber sales. He wants the timber sales to continue along with stewardship of the forests relevant to the age of the trees harvested.
  - c) Kelly Kimball, Becker County logger, spoke in favor of continuing timber sales; he is a resident of Becker County employing 12 people.

Commissioners:

1. Reports & Correspondence:
  - a) Commissioner Bellefeuille Reports:
    - i) Attended the Northwest Regional Radio Board meeting; discussed the distribution of grant money. The Northwest Region received only \$254,000 from the \$3 million grant. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow morning in St. Paul; the Northwest Region is considering quitting unless the distribution of money is changed. There is a Conference April 28-30<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud; Becker County can send up to three people for training.
  - b) Commissioner Salminen Reports:
    - i) Attended the Lakeland Mental Health meeting; discussed GMAC cuts and how that will affect their services; added Douglas County and Alexandria to the process; new Board members were appointed by Douglas County; and they will start using ten smaller areas as their occupancy is down.
  - c) Commissioner Knutson Reports:
    - i) Attended the Fair Board meeting; discussed reduced midway arm bands for food brought in for the food pantry; there will be more rides this year; and the entertainment has been set.
    - ii) Received a phone call from a dairy farmer in his area; his road was closed because of flooding and the milk truck could not get through. Commissioner Knutson removed the barricades himself as he was unable to reach the on-call highway personnel; this phone number needs to be discussed at the Highway Committee meeting.
  - d) Commissioner Schram Reports:
    - i) Attended the BWSR meeting in Bemidji; presented the Resolution against the Wild Rice Watershed District taxing district; the application was tabled with no date set.
    - ii) Attended the Highway Safety meeting; received a \$320,000 grant to be used for safety issues.

- iii) Attended the Land of the Dancing Sky meeting; reviewed the report on the By-Laws and succession.
  - iv) LMC Bay exceeded their goal and raised \$2,010 for the food pantry.
  - v) Attended the Heartland Trail meeting; discussed the funding for land acquisition and planning; money expectations from the bonding bill; and the time line for the process.
- e) Commissioner Nelson Reports:
- i) Attended the Highway Safety meeting with Commissioner Schram; discussed the safety report; miles driven weren't compared in death statistics.
  - ii) Attended the Lake Agassiz Regional Library meeting; discussed the recent audit; volunteer hours and link sites.
  - iii) Extended a thank you to Commissioner Schram for attending the BWSR meeting; it was agreed by consensus that Commissioner Schram would receive a per diem for attending the meeting.
2. Appointments:
- a) The notice prior to publication for three appointments to the Pelican River Watershed District was reviewed.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2D authorizing the Board chair to execute the required addendum to the existing Joint Powers Agreement for the Regional Radio Board to implement the authorized modifications to vest selection of the Administrative Agent (Salminen, Schram), carried.

Auditor-Treasurer, Mary Hendrickson presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the advertising notice for a public hearing for the new off sale liquor license for Gerald Hanson-DBA: Charlies Bar in Height of Land Township on April 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the new on sale liquor license for Peggy Branstrom-Osage Bait & Tackle in Osage Township (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination on and off sale liquor license renewals for (1) Cari Hough-Curley's on Cotton Lake in Erie Township, (2) Lance Highman-Northern Inn in Toad Lake Township, and (3) Joy McNamara-County 17 Club in Lake View Township (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the on sale (includes Sunday) liquor license renewals for (1) Richard Lynch-Hotel Shoreham in Lake View Township, (2) Gerald Hanson-Charlies Bar in Height of Land Township, (3) Nancy Hofstrand-Randy's Lake Eunice in Lake Eunice Township, (4) Aaron Swenson-Bleachers in Lake View Township, (5) Wayne Crawford-Sunlite Bar & Grill in Detroit Township, (6) Jeffrey Krueger-Soo Pass Ranch in Lake View Township, (7) Michael Mercil-Little Easy on the Green in Lake View Township, (8) Matthew Anderson-Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill in Cormorant Township, (9) Robert Spizzo-Forest Hills Golf & R.V. Resort in Audubon Township, and (10) Jay Olness-Pit 611 in Lake Eunice Township (Schram, Salminen), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale liquor license renewals for (1) John Johnson-Richwood Off Sale in Richwood Township and (2) Jody Beaudine-Lakes One Stop Shop in Cormorant Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the wine & strong beer license renewal for Fred Brower-Cedar Crest Resort in Maple Grove Township (Knutson, Nelson), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the temporary 1-4 day on sale liquor license renewal for Detroit Lakes Lions Club, August 4-7 at Soo Pass Ranch during We Fest in Lake View Township (Salminen, Nelson), carried.

8. It was moved and seconded to approve the combination on & off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Allen Chirpich-The Hideaway Resort in Shell Lake Township, (2) Anne Buelow-Jolly Fisherman Resort in Round Lake Township, (3) Roger Nelson-Elbow Lake Store & Bar in Round Lake Township, (4) Timothy Eischens-Two Inlets Country Store in Two Inlets Township, (5) Randy Blanford-Tamarac Resort in Sugar Bush Township, (6) Michael Levin-Green Valley Golf Course in Cormorant Township, (7) Jeffrey Krueger-Soo Pass Ranch in Lake View Township, and (8) Robert Miller-Frazee Golf Course in Burlington Township (Schram, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the off sale 3.2 beer license renewals for (1) Matthew Anderson-Tri-Lakes Roadhouse Bar & Grill in Cormorant Township, (2) Bill Christlieb-Osage Country Market in Osage Township, (3) Peggy Branstrom-Osage Bait & Tackle in Osage Township, (4) Nancy Hofstrand-Randy's Lake Eunice in Lake Eunice Township, (5) Jay Olness-Pit 611 in Lake Eunice Township, (6) Jody Beaudine-Lakes One Stop Shop in Cormorant Township, (7) Rita Coalwell-Highway 59 Store in Detroit Township, (8) Shirley Kalberer-County 6 Gas & Bait in Lake View Township, (9) Fred Brower-Cedar Crest Resort in Maple Grove Township, (10) Wayne Crawford-Sunlite Bar-N-Grill in Detroit Township, (11) Gerald Hanson-Charlies Bar in Height of Land Township, and (12) Richard Sherbrooke-Cormorant Store in Cormorant Township (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the on sale 3.2 beer license renewal for Greg Johnson-Cormorant Lakes Sportsmans Club in Lake Eunice Township (Schram, Nelson), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the seasonal tobacco license renewal for Richard Lynch-Hotel Shoreman in Lake View Township (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
12. It was moved and seconded to approve the annual tubing license renewal for Roger Klemm-K&K Tubing in Erie Township (Salminen, Schram), carried.

Finance Committee Minutes, Nancy Grabanski presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Claims with the addition of Michael McGee for \$3,675 and MN Supreme Court for \$634 and the over 90 day claims (1) Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home for \$687.50, (2) Consolidated Plastics Company for \$199.43, (3) Hennepin Healthcare Systems Medical Center for \$125, and (4) Modern Heating for \$569.12 and the Auditor's Warrants for 3/9/10 in the amount of \$51,426.94 and 3/16/10 in the amount of \$66,580.01 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
2. The Human Services claims were reviewed and it was recommended to approve as presented.
3. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve Natural Resource Management's request to apply for State grants for snowmobile trail improvements, to accept the low quote for trails signs in the Frazee-Vergas area; to accept the low quote for hand planting seedlings in 2010, and to approve the temporary suspension of timber auctions.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Maintenance purchase of cubicles for the Sheriff's Department up to \$15,700 (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
5. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to continue the Sheriff's request to reclassify a temporary part-time bailiff into a permanent part-time position and to approve an agreement with the State of MN Radio Board for equipment and maintenance.
6. It was recommended by the Finance Committee to approve the Highway's request for the Emergency Services addition to the contract with the State of MN, to authorize the final payment on SAP 03-607-18 and to accept the low bid for bituminous material.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Information Technology GIS software maintenance for \$7,567.76, the annual maintenance for the paging system at Human Services for \$760 and

the upgrade to the Docupro marriage license software upgrade in the Records Office for \$8,444 (Salminen, Knutson), carried.

8. Discussed the letter from MCIT regarding the funding issue associated with providing insurance to Community Action Programming entities.

Environmental Services, Steve Skoog presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the Board Chair signing on behalf of the Board of Commissioners the letter to the Minnesota legislators thanking them for their support in Becker County's efforts to obtain funding for a new Transfer Station and the approval for funding to expand the Perham Resource Recovery and construction of an attached material recovery facility (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. Discussed the contract with Wenck & Associates regarding the transfer station; the subject will return to the Environmental Committee.
3. Becker County is on the short list to received funding from the Block Grant to purchase recycling containers.

Economic Development Authority, Jon Thomsen presented.

1. The annual report for the Economic Development Authority was presented.

Mahube, Insurance Issue with MCIT, Leah Pigatti presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to table Resolution 03-10-2A until after the Natural Resource Management presentation (Nelson, Knutson), carried.

Parks & Recreation, Chip Lohmeier presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2B for Becker County to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the snowmobile trail capital improvement grants and the County Auditor will act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the local unit of government (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the low quote from Brushmarks Signs for the production of directional signs for area snowmobile trails for \$630.80 (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Natural Resource Management, Chip Lohmeier presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the low quote from Superior Forestry Services, Inc. for the hand planting of approximately 200,000 tree seedling for spring of 2010 for \$55.40 per thousand (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to not suspend timber sales in Becker County and the subject will return to Committee for further discussion (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Mahube, Insurance Issue with MCIT, Leah Pigatti presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to remove from the table Resolution 03-10-2A (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to amend Resolution 03-10-2A encouraging MCIT to continue the discussion and to take steps necessary to assure that Mahube Community Council's MCIT membership is continued well into the future (Knutson, Nelson), carried.

Human Services, Nancy Nelson presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve addition of Resolution 03-10-2G to apply for a grant to the agenda (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2G authorizing the Human Services Director to enter into and execute a grant contract through BTM Manufacturing, Inc., on behalf of Becker County (Knutson, Salminen), carried.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Purchase of Service Agreements (1) Lakeland Mental Health Center, (2) Lakes Crisis and Resource Center, (3) White Earth Tribal Mental Health, (4) Solutions Behavioral Health Care, and (5) Sheila Ojala [Becker County workshop] (Schram, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve the Addendum to Purchase of Service Agreement with Lutheran Social Services (Salminen, Schram), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Provider Service Agreement, Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Plus of Minnesota (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
6. It was moved and seconded to accept the Child and Family Services Report, the Adult Services Report, and the Financial Support Report (Schram, Salminen), carried.
7. It was moved and seconded to approve the Human Services Claims (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
8. It was moved and seconded to accept the Community Health Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
9. It was moved and seconded to approve the Community Health Claims (Salminen, Nelson), carried.
10. It was moved and seconded to accept the Transit Ridership Report (Salminen, Knutson), carried.
11. It was moved and seconded to approve the Transit Claims (Knutson, Salminen), carried.

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust, Bob Goede presented.

1. The 2009 Annual Report was presented.

Sheriff, Tim Gordon presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2C to reclassify one temporary bailiff position to regular part-time status (Salminen, Schram), carried.
2. It was moved and seconded to acknowledge and approve State granting and agreement for the 800 mgz ARMER Radio System (Nelson, Salminen), carried.

Highway, Brad Wentz presented.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve addition of Resolution 03-10-2H for bituminous material to the agenda (Nelson, Knutson), carried.
2. A construction update was presented.
3. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2E amending the Master Contract No. 92424 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to include language for Emergency Services (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
4. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2F accepting the completed project for Project Number SAP 03-607-18 and authorize final payment in the amount of \$100,373.16 by the County Engineer (Nelson, Salminen), carried.
5. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 03-10-2H awarding the contracts to Flint Hills Resources for Emulsion Oils and Emulsion Option and authorizing the County Engineer to execute and enter into said contracts (Schram, Salminen), carried.
6. Discussion was held on the emergency cell phone process and issue will be discussed at the Highway Committee meeting.

Note: During the break Dick Goodmanson, Co-Chair of LMC presented a check for \$2,010 to Jack Berenz of the Becker County Food Pantry from the LMC Bay auction in March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

/s/ John Bellefeuille  
John Bellefeuille  
Board Chair