## **BOARD MEETING AS POSTED**

**BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** 

DATE: TUESDAY, August 6, 2024, at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Board 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 agenda (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- 2. Minutes Moved and second to approve minutes of July 16, 2024, with the requested changes (Nelson, Meyer) 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, Resolution 08-24-1A Cormorant Lions Club Raffle on 09-27-24 at Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Twp, May 2024 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, 2023 TIF Reports Detroit Lakes, Frazee, Lake Park City, Resolution 08-24-1D Gambling Permit Carsonville Fire Fighters Raffle on 10/19/24 in Carsonville Twp, Human Services Claims: Human Service, Public Health, & Transit, Environmental Services: Resolution 08-24-1B- MMSW Direct Haul Price (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

## Commissioners:

- 1. Open Forum:
  - Erika Gilsdorf & Willis Mattison Issac Walton League Request a board agenda item to discuss CAFOS & Wake Boats in Comp Plan.
- 2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
  - Commissioner Nelson Sunnyside, Audit, Lakeland Mental Health, NRM, Sheriff.
  - Commissioner Jepson West Central Regional Juvenile Center, Crow Wing Watershed District, Toad Mountain.
  - Commissioner Meyer Sunnyside, Sheriff, DAC, Negotiations, Heartland Trail, Fair Board, HR Director Interviews.
  - Commissioner Okeson Environmental, Highway, Pelican River Watershed District, Airport, Toad Mountain, Cornerstone, Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste.

- Commissioner Vareberg NRM, Environmental, Highway.
- 3. Appointments
  - None
- 4. Perham Resource Recovery Facility Informational Video.

County Administrator – Human Resources: presented by Carrie Smith.

- 1. North Country Trail Association Award presented by Robert Becklund, Laurentian Lakes Chapter President.
  - Friend of the Trail Award presented to Mitch Lundeen.
- 2. Update-SE Corner Survey Grant presented by Josh Pfeffer.
  - Submitted 1st Quarter Report. Currently ahead of schedule.
- 3. Report.
  - Budgeting meetings ongoing. Long Courthouse Meeting next week.
  - 1st Round of HR Director interviews complete. 2nd round on Monday.
  - IT request for an AI Policy will be presented at a later board meeting.
  - Administration office nearly complete. Shout out to the maintenance department for their hard work.
  - Negotiations LELS Corrections/Dispatchers, HS Supervisors, LELS Sergeants.
- 4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-24-1E Remove Supervision of the Maintenance Department from Human Resources and place under the Administrator (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to set the Primary Canvas Date & Time to August 15,2024 at 2:00 pm with Commissioners Jepson and Meyer in attendance (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Attorney: presented by Brian McDonald.

1. Motion and second to approve furnishing the old EDA Office for the New Victim Service Coordinator Office using Cooper's Office Supply not to exceed \$7887.34 using grant funding (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Assessor: presented by Lee Brekke.

1. Motion and second to approve the abatement for Parcel # 29.0014.000 in the amount of \$126 (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of a 2025 Volvo Tandem Plow Truck in the amount of \$334,736 and authorize the sale of the old plow truck (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use/Environmental: presented by Steve Skoog and Mitch Lundeen.

- 1. NRM/Parks & Rec
  - Motion and second to approve The Tax Forfeited List with Tracts #1 (PIN 19.0027.000) and #2 (PIN 32.0250.000) as Conservation and all remaining tracts as non-conservation (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
  - Motion and second to approve the purchase of a ½ Ton Pickup Truck for NRM not to exceed \$49,000 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
  - Motion and second to approve the Environmental Services Administrator and Land Commissioner to Issue Tramway Special Use Permits to cover County Costs plus and additional amount (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
  - Toad Mountain Project Update.
    - i. Public Input Meetings are scheduled along with an Open House. Flyer is being distributed and is on the County Website.
    - ii. Toad Lake Twp does not approve of the purchase.
    - iii. Approve Per Diems for RAC members who help at meetings.
- 2. Environmental Services
  - Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-24-1C Personnel Request for a PT Truck Driver/Transfer Station Attendant (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

Public Hearing Request on behalf of MPCA.

- Modification to an existing feedlot permit parcel numbers 36.0032.001 & 36.0032.000

   William Tilton Farms 22363 Co Hwy 28 Waubun, MN 56589 & 22369 Co Hwy 28
   Waubun, MN 56589.
  - Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 10:02 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
  - Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 10:03 (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 07/31/2024.

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Wesley & Santel Jorgenson – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Repair Business (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for William & Jessica Hoppe – Request a Conditional Use Permit to replace an existing retaining wall (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for JAA Land LLC – Request a preliminary 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 James Shoemaker & Marnie Ammons – Request a Conditional Use Permit to construct a fence to be six (6) feet high within the structure setback of the road right-of way (ROW) of a County Highway (Okeson, Vareberg) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Bryan & Paulette Olson – Request a Change of Zone from Agricultural to Residential (Jepson, Vareberg) carried. Rollcall vote: Nelson-Nay, Jepson-Yay, Meyer-Yay, Okeson-Yay, Vareberg-Yay.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Daniel & Tracy Hansen – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Mental Health Office with the stipulation of no employees other than the applicant (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for The Humane Society of The Lakes – Request a Conditional Use Permit to construct an eight (8) foot high fence within the structure setback of a state highway (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation to approve for Cormorant Landing LLC – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Marine Dealership with Dockside Gas Pumps (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
- 2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 08-24-1F Short Term Rental Fees to be set at \$400 annually and authorizing the department head to revise fees annually (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
- 3. Motion and second to approve the additional cost of \$29,976 to Bolten & Menk for Zoning Codes research, review and revisions (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.

| Being no further business, Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am. |  |
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| /s/ | Carrie Smith         | <u>/s/</u> | John Okeson        |  |
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|     | Carrie Smith         |            | John Okeson        |  |
|     | County Administrator |            | <b>Board Chair</b> |  |