

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, December 3, 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 (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of November 17, 2024, with the requested changes (Nelson, 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, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Auditor-Treasurer: September 2024 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, Land Use-Parks & Rec: Community Resilience Grant Application, Sheriff: Central Square Annual Renewal (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson: Extension, Comp Plan, EDA.
 - Commissioner Nelson: Joint Powers, Sheriff, Lakeland Mental Health, LARL.
 - Commissioner Meyer – DAC, Fair Board, Sunnyside, Partnership 4 Health, Sheriff, Wild Rice Watershed, Transit.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – EDA.
 - Commissioner Okeson – Fair Board, Transit, PLMSW, Comp Plan, Wannigan Park.
3. Appointments
 - Cormorant Lakes Watershed District and Lake Agassiz Regional Library will be appointed at the next board meeting. Pelican River Watershed District will have a vacancy.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:
 - Sheriff Glander – Hometown Hero Award. Only one given in the state of Minnesota by the Boy Scouts.
 - Project 412 event.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 12-24-1A – Re-Appoint County Assessor Lee Brekke to a 4-year term (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 12-24-1B – 2025 Commissioners Annual Salary (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
4. Capital Budgeting Discussion. Create a separate fund in 2026.
5. Cannabis Discussion.
6. Truth in Taxation (TNT) Hearing – Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve a Length of Service update (Longevity Pay), removing elected officials and increasing percent of salary increase for years 16-20 to 5%, 21-25 to 7%, 26-30 to 8% and over 30 years to 9% (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Vacation Policy Update to show that consideration may be given under extenuating circumstances if an employee has vacation hours in excess of 240 hours on March 31st to extend the time for vacation use. Requests will be made in writing to the employee's supervisor and reviewed by the Department Head, Human Resources Director and County Administrator and only considered if it is shown to be no fault of the employee (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve for the following Union Contract – LELS Deputies, LELS Essential Administrators, HS Supervisors, LELS Supervisors, Teamsters Courthouse, Teamsters Sheriff Clerical an Addendum to align with the updated Vacation Policy (Nelson, Meyer) carried. Teamsters Human Services declined the update, and HR is waiting for the Addendum from LELS Dispatch & Jail and AFSCME Unions.
4. Job Descriptions will be vetted through the appropriate committees and brought back to the Board for recommendations.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 4 mobile routers from Cradlepoint Routers in the amount from \$11,698.40 utilizing Public Safety Funds (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the MOU with Lakes Area Adult Education (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

3. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 5 portable radios from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$13,026.00 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 12-24-1C – MnDOT Variance Request from Standard for State Aid Operation for Project No. S.A.P. 003-622-040 (Vareberg, Okeson) carried.

Motion and second to go into Closed Session at 9:33 am pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) to evaluate the County Administrator (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to come out of Closed Session at 9:48 am (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Motion and second to approve the Zurn Family LLLP – Request for a 2-Year extension of Recorded Document Number 697639 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Motion and second to concur with Audubon Township and Forest Hills Resort Recommendations for Kasey Klemm – Request an Amendment to Recorded Document Number 654801 to amend Stipulation #2 to limit travel from June-August on the east side of the campground via 230th Ave (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Larry & Cynthia Winterfeldt – Request a Conditional Use Permit for Storage Units with the additional requirements to keep the tree buffer to the north, lilacs to the east and directional lights to shine down (Jepson, Meyer) carried.
4. Comprehensive Land Use Plan Action by Ordinance will come back with updates at the next board meeting.

Being no further business, Board Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

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