

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, December 31, 2024, at 8:30 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 (Meyer, Jepson) carried.
2. 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: Resolution 12-24-3B – Repurchase Parcel 49.0801.000, Environmental Services: Updates to the 2025 Tip Fee Schedule, Assessor: Abatement – Parcel 49.0029.103 in the amount of \$566 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:
 - Joint Governance Meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 am at DL City Hall.
 - Veterans Service Officer Matt Erickson will be returning January 2 from deployment.
 - State confirmation that Lee Brekke has been reappointed as County Assessor.
 - Tuesday's board meeting will be the swearing in of re-elected and newly elected Commissioners plus Soil & Water District Supervisors.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the LELS Deputies Contract Addendum regarding Longevity (Jepson, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Open Forum
 - Bill Hanke – Concerns with Comp Plan, Feed lots and Wake Boats.
 - Rick Muff – Supports animal agriculture.

- Matt Davis – Public involvement in the Comp Plan process was not as involved as he thought it should have been.
 - Willis Mattison – Reports provided by the Izzak Walton League should be included in the Comp Plan.
 - Steve Lindow – Feed lots - Should have a Technical Committee, and water monitoring is not specific to the actual site.
 - Jake Hein – Supports common sense farming.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 12-24-3A – Adoption of the Becker County Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the following modifications:
- Eliminate Natural Resources Policy 1.6 and Natural Resources Policy 2.3,
 - Update Economic Development Policy 1.1 to read Consider an economic development study to identify business sectors with growth opportunities and develop land use policies and standards to support the development of these sectors,
 - Update Economic Development Policy 3.1 to read Consider developing and enforcing nuisance ordinances that balance personal rights, curb public offenses, and protect health, welfare and community character.
 - Update Economic Development Policy 3.2 to read Encourage reducing light pollution standards that respect the county's rural character and protect quality night skies.
3. Intent to enact an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Motion and second to enact a Cannabis Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 8, Section 17 – Cannabis, and Chapter 11, Section 2, - Definitions: To adopt requirements for the production and retail sales of cannabis - to recognize that we cannot increase the state mandated setbacks and to include the setback distance is measured from the property line (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to enact an Animal Feed Lot Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 11, Section 2, - Definitions, Chapter 4, Table 5-1 – Feedlots, and Chapter 6, Section 12, Letter B, number 1. – Agricultural Standards – noting this is for New Animal Feed Lots as of 01/01/2025 to include:
 - i. an initial baseline well water test and annual well water monitoring. The well water sample will be analyzed by the Department of Agriculture, MPCA, Becker County Soil & Water and the DNR. If any contaminates meet a threshold of concern, the group shall make a recommendation to the Becker County Board of Commissioners on how to alleviate the concerns. The placement of the monitoring well to be 50-200 feet from the Animal Feed Lot operation.

- ii. Add point 4. - To recommend utilizing the guidelines of Best Management Practice of the University of Minnesota.
- iii. To consider road agreements if on a Township road and follow state requirements for setbacks for any structure (Jepson, Vareberg) carried.
- Update: Joint Planning Board for the City of Detroit Lakes, Lake View Township and the County of Becker regarding land being annexed to Detroit Lakes. More information coming in the future.

Being no further business, Board Chair Okeson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.

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