

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, April 1, 2025 at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Meyer. Commissioners in attendance: Meyer, Jepson, Hansen, Vareberg 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 with the correction of moving the adjournment after the Closed Session (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Moved and second to approve minutes of March 18, 2025, with the requested changes (Nelson, Hansen) 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, License List Renewals for the following: Combination On/Off Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Toad Lake Store – Cynthia Knoll – Toad Lake Twp, Charlie’s Place – Jeffrey Duggar – Height of Land Twp, Tri Lakes Roadhouse – Gabe Line – Cormorant Twp, On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Osage Bait & Tackle – Peggy Branstrom – Osage Twp, TJ’s Booze & Bistro – Jennifer Goering – Lake Eunice Twp, Seasonal On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal: Shady Hollow – Chad Stenerson – Lakeview Twp, Club On-Sale – Renewal: Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club – Wayne McDunn – Cormorant Twp, Off-Sale – Renewal: Byer’s Liquors – Kevin Byer – Osage Twp, 3.2 Off Sale – Renewal: Osage Bait & Tackle – Peggy Branstrom – Osage Twp, 3.2 On-Sale – Renewal: Ella Marie’s Café & Collectibles – Emma Mattson – Cormorant Twp, Wine and Strong Beer on Sale – Renewal: Ella Marie’s Café & Collectibles – Emma Mattson – Cormorant Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, DHS Civil Right Assurance Agreement (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – EDA, Township Meeting, Joint Governance.

- Commissioner Hansen – Airport, Highway, Wild Rice 1Watershed1Policy, Regional Economic Summit, Ottertail Watershed, Environmental, Township Meeting, Pelican River Watershed.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Environmental, Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Lakeland Mental Health, Sunnyside.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Highway, EDA.
 - Commissioner Meyer – Sunnyside, DAC, Courthouse, Fair Board.
3. Appointments
 - Buffalo-Red Watershed District resignation. Will advertise and come back.
 4. Presentation of BeckerBay Auction funds to the Becker County Food Pantry.
 - Dale Storey and Liz Lilja gave an update on the Food Pantry. Usage in the last 4 years has increased 128%.
 - Presented funds in the amount of \$3056.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report:
 - 2nd Interviews for County Veterans Service Officer are tomorrow.
 - Potential cuts to PILT payments of 35%.
 - Strategic Planning update.
 - Township Meeting - Tracking which townships have deferred to Becker County regarding cannabis.
2. Resolution 04-25-1E – County Surveyor Contract will come back to board once the contract is revised and reviewed by the County Attorney.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-1I – Chief Deputy Benefits (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve sending the Letter of Support of the DAC for Empowerment Swings (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-1H – Accept Land Donation – Parcel 21.0044.000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-25-1A – Bid Award – Contract 60726 to Dennis Drewes, Inc for \$3,415,953.62 (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.

