

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, April 21, 2026 at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Jepson. Commissioners in attendance: Jepson, Hansen, Meyer, 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 (Meyer, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of April 7, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items:
Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Licenses for the following: Combination On/Off-Sale w/Sundays – New Owner – Hi-Ho on the Lake – Rachelle Ryssemus – Cormorant Twp (Formerly Swanies), Club On-Sale – Renewal – Cormorant Lakes Sportsman’s Club – Wayne McDunn – Cormorant Twp, On-Sale w/Sundays – Renewal – Detroit Mountain – Tom Theil – Erie Twp, Off-Sale – Renewal – Byer Liquors – Kevin Byer – Osage Twp, Resolution 04-26-2D – Gambling Permit – Holy Rosary Church – May 31, 2026 at Wildflower Golf Course in Lake Eunice Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Assessor – Abatements in the amount of \$6,610, Land Use: NRM/Parks & Rec – Porta Potty Quote with Potty Shacks Service in the amount of \$7,856, Little Sugarbush Cabin Removal Bid in the amount of \$15,050, 2026 Tree Planting Bid in the amount of \$8,299 from Amy Thomas (Thomas Forestry), Recorder: Resolution 04-26-2F – Digitizing Birth & Death Index Books in the amount of \$6,661.78 from ISC Imaging, Resolution 04-26-2G – Recorder’s Office Fee Setting & Changes using Option A with free prints for monthly subscriptions as follows – Plan B-50 prints, Plan C-100 prints and Plan D-300 prints (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - John Okeson – 245th Landfill history – treated as a township road.

- Gerry Schram – Make a decision about the landfill.
 - Don Skarie
 - Settle 245th Ave.
 - Praise to Mary Hendrickson and the election staff for their professionalism and maintaining election integrity.
 - Jeff Zeltinger – Concerns with CUP for Prairie Lakes Investments continuing work during an appeal.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
- Commissioner Meyer – Partnership4Health, LCSC, Historical Society, Courthouse, Heartland Trail, EDD.
 - Commissioner Hansen – Environmental, Zoning Ordinance, PRWD, Trail Alliance, Airport.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Zoning Ordinance, NRM, LARL, Becker County Soil & Water.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Safety, EDA, Human Services.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Partnership4Health, EDA, Human Services, Mahube Sr. Council, WCJRC.
3. Appointments.
- None.

Public Hearing: EDA – Housing Trust Fund Ordinance.

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 9:01 am (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Presentation on Housing Trust Funds for Local Housing Development.
3. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 9:09 am (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Ordinance #23 – Local Housing Trust Fund (Vareberg, Meyer) carried.

245th Ave: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-2E – Secure 245th Ave according to MPCA Requirements and finalize fence pricing through the Administrator (Nelson, Vareberg) Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Hansen-No, Jepson-No, Vareberg-Yes, carried.

Public Health: Tobacco Free Grounds: presented by Amanda Kumpula and Jason McCoy.

1. 10 Counties in Minnesota including Becker County are not Tobacco Free Campuses.

2. Best practice is to prohibit the use of all forms of tobacco for employees at all county buildings, grounds and vehicles.
3. Will bring a draft policy to the Safety Committee for discussion.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Business Subsidy Policy Update.
 - 2007 was the last draft and has outdated language.
 - Guided by statute.
 - Motion and second to have a Public Hearing during the June 16, 2026 Board Meeting at 9:00 am (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - National Public Telecommunication Week – April 12-18.
 - Starting work on preliminary contracts with unions.
 - Sheriff's storage building lease with city will go month to month.
 - Evaluating Community Corrections Model with Probation.
 - Met with Norman County regarding contracting with us for Veterans Services help.
 - Department Head Meeting – focusing on increased data requests, review of committee appointments, organics recycling in county buildings and preliminary 2027 budgeting.
2. Opioid Funds Update.
 - Motion and second to authorize any Board Member, Carrie or Denise to sign Opioid Settlements on behalf of Becker County in order to meet timelines (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Clay County Project – Request for Legislative Support.
 - Requesting support for continued state investment in psychiatric residential treatment and non-secure juvenile facility.
 - Motion and second to authorize the Board Chair or Administrator to sign letters of support for the Clay County Project (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-2A – Bituminous Material Bid Award to Flint Hills Resources at \$608/Ton (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-2B – Dust Control Bid Award to Corbin Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$319,884 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 04-26-2C – ROW Spraying Quote Award to L&M Road Service, LLC in the amount of \$139/Hour (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to purchase Squad Car Equipment in the amount of \$126,405.70 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	Erica Jepson
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	County Administrator		Board Chair