

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, May 5, 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 (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of April 21, 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: Tobacco License – Seasonal – We Fest – Raymond Mithun – Lake View Twp – May 5, 2026-October 31, 2026, March 2026 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investments, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Assessor – Abatements in the amount of \$7,300, Recorder: Canon iPH Service Agreement in the amount of \$45/month for 60 months, Sheriff: Salvage & Forfeited Vehicle Disposition (18 vehicles for salvage/scrap, and 7 vehicles for auction) (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Dean Lutz – Blight property on Brandy Lake concerns.
2. Blight Property Update: presented by Carrie Smith.
 - Departments are working together and moving forward with properties.
 - Properties are at different stages. Carefully working through the process.
3. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Meyer – Fair Board, AMC Negotiating Training, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, Lakeland Mental Health, Zoning Ordinance.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental.
 - Commissioner Hansen – Environmental, PLMSWA, RAC.

- Commissioner Jepson – Fair Board, RAC.

4. Appointments.

- Motion and second to appoint Jeff Moritz to the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee to fulfill the remaining term ending on December 31, 2026 (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
- Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-26-1A – Reappoint County Engineer James Olson for a 4-Year Term ending on May 31, 2030 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.

- Sheriff Glander was honored with the Everyday Hero Award from the United Way of Becker County.
- Veterans Services will help Norman County while they find a new Veterans Service Officer.
- Work Session – May 26 at 8:30 am.

2. Landfill fencing.

- Get quotes for 3-tencil wire.

3. Probation Update.

- Working on the costs to bring probation back under Becker County.

4. Probation: Peer Support Presentation: presented by Brian Rubenstein and Wade Erickson.

- Global Data – 61% of clients are more likely to finish outpatient treatment, reduction in technical violations, and reduction in reincarceration.
- Becker County Data – 70 participants in 8 months, 84 referrals received, outcome success rate sustained above 75%.
- Adam Martin – Project F5
 - Becker County is the pilot program in Minnesota.
 - Brought in a Chief Operations Officer to put policies in place and bring the organization back on track.

Public Health: presented by Amanda Kumpula

1. Overdose/Naloxone (Narcan) Presentation.

- Naloxone is the generic medication that reverses opioid overdose, while Narcan is the brand-name nasal spray form of naloxone.
- Opioid overdoses can happen to anyone.
- Community access to Narcan does not increase the opioid use.

- Narcan is helping decrease the fatal overdoses in Minnesota.
- ONE Box Naloxone storage to be placed by the AEDs in the county.
- Bring Narcan policy to the Safety Committee.

Land Use-Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-26-1B – Personnel Request – Full-Time Truck Driver (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 03/25/2026

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for Vertical Bridge on behalf of Justin Aschnewitz – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a two hundred sixty (260) foot guyed tower with a nine (9) foot lightening rod with the addition of filing a copy of Natural Environment Protection Act Study with Planning & Zoning prior to the erection of the tower, lighting, and a financial guarantee from Vertical Bridge of \$67,500 bond to ensure funds to remove the tower to be reviewed within 1-year to see how long the bond will be required, if not reviewed within a year the requirement for bond will be eliminated (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation for Vertical Bridge on behalf of Steven & Leah Lymburner – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a one hundred ninety (190) self-support tower with a nine (9) foot lightening rod with the addition of filing a copy of Natural Environment Protection Act Study with Planning & Zoning prior to the erection of the tower, lighting, and a financial guarantee from Vertical Bridge of \$67,500 bond to ensure funds to remove the tower to be reviewed within 1-year to see how long the bond will be required, if not reviewed within a year the requirement for bond will be eliminated (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to accept the RFP for Engineering Services from Apex Engineering for professional services when available and appropriate for Planning & Zoning purposes (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
 3. Motion and second to approve Resolution 05-26-1C – Land Alteration Fees (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
 4. Feedlot Application Discussion.
 - Presented by Henry Johnson, Jordan Graham, and Matt Johnson on behalf of Norther Lake Partners LLC.

- Both applications are under 1500 units.
 - Riceville Twp application final capacity will be 949 animal units.
 - Atlanta Twp application final capacity will be 820 animal units.
- Motion and second to set a Public Hearing on Behalf of the MPCA on May 19, 2026 at 9:00 am (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

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

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