

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, May 19, 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 with the following updates: Pull the Procurement Policy from the Administrator’s items and add two Tubing Licenses to the Auditor-Treasurer License List on the Consent Agenda (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of May 5, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to remove the Abatements from the Consent Agenda and to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items: Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 05-26-2C – Tax Forfeit Land Sale, Licenses for the following: On-Sale Liquor w/Sunday Sales-New Owner – Bleachers Sports Bar & Grill – Michon Jones – Lake View Twp, Pit 611 – Gabe Line – Lake Eunice Twp, Tubing Licenses: K & K Tubing Inc – Roger Klemm - Erie Twp, Charlies Ottertail Tubing – Cathy Pihlaja – Erie Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Land Use: Resolution 05-26-2A – Recycling Market Development Grant Application, Resolution 05-26-2B – Environmental Assistance Grant to Construct a building for the Reuse Program Application (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Human Services, Safety.
 - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services.
 - Commissioner Hansen – Wannigan, MAGIC.

- Commissioner Nelson – Lakeland Mental Health, Courthouse, Land Use.
- Commissioner Meyer – Courthouse, Fair Board, DAC, LCSC, Historical Society, NW Regional Emergency Communication Board.

3. Appointments.

- Motion and second to reappoint Rick Michaelson, Laurie Olson and Chris Jasken to 3-year terms to the Pelican River Watershed District (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Public Hearing on Behalf of the MPCA is canceled and no testimony will be heard as the applications have been withdrawn.

Planning and Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Motion and second to grant a 1-year Conditional Use Permit Extension Request from Greater Than Gold Investment LLC – extension of recorded document number 705674 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Conditional Use Permit for We Fest with the conditions of contracts with Becker County Sheriff, Becker County Highway, MnDot, Minnesota State Patrol, and Detroit Lakes Fire Department (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.

- Next Gen 911 Discussion. Will be coming in the next 2-3 years.
- MN State Budget focuses: Infrastructure, taxpayer relief, healthcare stabilization and fraud prevention.
- Additional blighted properties will be reviewed.
- Work Session – May 26.

2. Motion and second to approve the Narcan Policy (Vareberg, Nelson) carried.

3. 2027 Preliminary Timeline discussion.

4. Community Correction Update.

- Feasibility of moving to Community Correction. Looked at salaries and benefits.
- Not a cost saver financially for the county.

5. Abatements: presented by Lee Brekke.

- Motion and second to approve the abatements in the amount of \$63,388 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the New Policy: No Children in the Workplace (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Land Use-Environmental Services: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve the Capital Purchase Request of Landfill Fencing from Freedom Fencing in the amount of \$48,398 and giving the Land Use Committee or County Administrator a 5% change order authority if needed (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.
2. Construction & Demo Study & Future Plans.
 - Discussion on the District 4 C&D Waste Management Plan Hub & Spoke System Feasibility Report.
 - Motion and second to not be part of a Regional Construction & Demo System as it is cost prohibited (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Life Saving Awards presented to: Taylor Hillukka, Elizabeth Schoon, Sgt. Ryan Aho, Jacob Karasch, Deputy Blake Olson, Sgt. Andrew Bachmann, Deputy Adam Winter, Deputy Ethan Wothe, Deputy Derek Hanson, and Dawn & Keela Hanson.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.

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