

BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, July 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, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of July 7, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
3. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes July 8, 2026 Emergency Meeting with the requested changes (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items and pull item #6 – Henderson Corrective Deed of Appurtenant Easement: Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Resolution 07-26-3A – Release from State Audit, Resolution 07-26-3B – Accept Disaster Relief Donations, Tax Forfeited Land Sales Recap, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Henderson – Corrective Deed of Appurtenant Easement with the County Attorney's final approval (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - None.
2. Heartland Trail Route Discussion.
 - Remaining funds can be used for engineering design of the next segment.
 - Approximately \$500,000 to \$550,000 that need to be allocated by December of 2027. The funds need to be encumbered; they do not need to be spent by December of 2027.
3. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:

- Commissioner Hansen – Becker County Trail Alliance, Planning & Zoning, RAC, PRWD, Airport, Environmental.
- Commissioner Meyer – Historical Society, DAC, Courthouse, Economic Development West Central Initiative, Partnership4Health.
- Commissioner Nelson – Courthouse, Benefits, NRM.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, NRM, EDA, Human Services.
- Commissioner Jepson – Benefits, EDA, Human Services, Mahube-OTWA Sr. Council, WCRJC.

4. Appointments.

- None.
- EDA opening for District 1.
- Appoint a commissioner to the Becker County Opioid Review Team at our next board meeting.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to upgrade the current Microsoft 2019 licenses and MS SQL licenses to 2022 and 2025 in the amount of \$56,455.36 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Land Use/Environmental: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 07-26-3C – Personnel Request – Combine 2 PT Pay Station Attendant Positions into 1 FT Pay Station Attendant Position to include other duties assigned on the Solid Waste Campus (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - ONEboxes for Narcan have been distributed throughout the county buildings.
 - One bargaining unit has reached out to begin negotiating.
 - MACA conference this Wednesday afternoon through Friday.
 - Departmental Budget Reviews starting today.
2. Disaster Relief Update.
 - Tree Grinding has stopped.
 - Friday – 10:00 am - State Emergency Management Team will be here.
 - Rubicon signed a tree ring to share with the county.
3. Verizon Tower Lease Discussion.
 - Tower near Bad Medicine area.

- Verizon shared different options for new lower rent or a lump sum payment option.
- We are currently in a lease agreement and will keep that agreement.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.

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