

## BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

### BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, September 15, 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 and add Resolution 09-26-2H Gambling Permit for the Cormorant Lions Club to the Consent Agenda (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of September 1, 2026 with the requested changes (Meyer, Hansen) 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, Detroit Mountain Temp On-Sale License for 09-26-2026 in Erie Twp, July 2026 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, Resolution 09-26-2H – Gambling Permit for the Cormorant Lions Club for a raffle on 09-25-2026 at the Cormorant Community Center in Cormorant Twp, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Land Use: NRM: MRC Transmission Line – Right of Entry Agreement Amendment (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

#### West Central Initiative: presented by Rebecca Petersen.

1. Services multiple Becker County Organizations.
2. Letter requesting support for 2027 in the amount of \$9,500.

#### Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
  - Gerry Schram – Disappointed in the length of time it's taking to correct the landfill road.

- Marcus Rhode – Loaned the museum his Great Great Grandfather's Civil War Discharge papers and bayonet and they have been lost.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
    - Commissioner Hansen – PRWD, Highway.
    - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Courthouse, LCSC, Historical Society.
    - Commissioner Nelson – Sheriff, Courthouse, NRM.
    - Commissioner Vareberg – NRM, Highway, Human Services, EDA.
    - Commissioner Jepson – Human Services, EDA.
  3. Appointments.
    - Motion and second to reappoint Mike Moe to the Airport Commission (Hansen, Meyer).
    - Motion and second to reappoint Commissioner Hansen to the Airport Commission (Meyer, Vareberg) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
  - Annual AMC Conference December 6-9.
  - Tornado Relief Distribution to 9 people ranging from \$1200-\$3500 through Becker County Disaster Relief Donations.
  - Budget Meetings continue.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2C – Requesting Designation as a Disaster Area (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
3. Discussion regarding standardizing Committee Per Diem.

Auditor-Treasurer: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2A – Set 2027 County Proposed Tax Levy at a max of \$32,711,543 which is a 7.26% increase (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2B – Set 2027 Proposed EDA Levy in the amount of \$245,000 (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2G – Internalizing Housing Operations (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2D – Personnel Request – Housing Specialist (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2E – Personnel Request – Part-Time to Full-Time Bailiff (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 09-26-2F – Personnel Request – Combine 2 Seasonal positions to one Part-Time Highway worker (Hansen, Vareberg).
3. Motion and second to approve the following Job Descriptions – EDA Housing Specialist, Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer I, Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer II, Human Resources Director, Payroll-HR Specialist and Regrading of the Payroll-HR Specialist (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Services: presented by Denise Warren.

1. Motion and second to approve the following 2027 Annual Contract Renewals – Lakeland Mental Health, Solutions Behavioral Health, Stellher Human Services, Becker County DAC, Lutheran Social Services, Sourcewell, Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, Mahube-Otwa, Community and Life Services, Rural Minnesota CEP, Kevin Niemann, Robert Strand, and Father's Resource Program (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the 2027 DHS Children's Mental Health Screening Grant Contract (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Positive Pathways Visitation Service Agreement and the Plus Kids Visitation Service Agreement (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Motion and second to approve the Capital Purchase Request for Solid Waste Campus Cameras (Hansen, Jepson), Motion and second to table the request (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Request – Evaluation of Recycling Infrastructure by Foth in the amount of \$7,500 (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve Intellihub Forward Thinking AP in the amount of \$8,390 plus additional fees for vehicle products as presented (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
2. Tornado Update: presented by Adam Douglas, Luke Sweere, and Vanessa Collmann.
  - Quick response from organizations including local fire departments, law enforcement, emergency management, public health and EMS individuals.
  - EOC was opened at MState and was integrated with on scene needs.
  - Community was very supportive donating water, food and resources.

- Pelican River Watershed District and Floyd Shores Association were essential resources.
- Team Rubicon came in a few days after the tornado and helped with debris removal.

Motion and second to close the meeting at 11:34 am for Labor Negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to come out of Closed Session at 12:11 pm (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm.

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