BOARD MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: TUESDAY, November 3, 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 changes: remove the Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church donation acceptance from the Sheriff, remove the LELS Deputies contract from the union contracts approval and add the purchase of a hook truck for Environmental after the administrator's section (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of October 20, 2026 with the requested changes (Nelson, Vareberg) 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, License List: Tobacco License – Renewals: Cormorant Bottle Shop – Rod Einerson – Cormorant Twp, Lake Park C-Store – David Blomseth – Lake Park Twp, Resolution 11-26-1C – Grant Application Acceptance 2023 Session Laws, Chapter 62 (Section 43 and Section 6 Subd 4), Resolution 11-26-1D – Accept Disaster Donation in the amount of $5,000, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Assessor: Tornado Abatements in the amount of $20,442, Sheriff: Donation acceptance of two Fire Suppressors, Purchase request of 2 Portable Jail Radios from Motorola in the amount of $5,049.68 (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
    - Shanna Bach – New Pelican River Watershed District Administrator and Josh Beranek the Water Resource Coordinator - introductions.
    - Matt Smith – Discussing his easement application.

2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
    - Commissioner Hansen – PRWD, Airport, Environmental, Transit, MAGIC, PLMSWA, Planning & Zoning, AMC District 4.
    - Commissioner Nelson – Negotiations, Sheriff, Lakeland Mental Health.
    - Commissioner Meyer – Sheriff, Fair Board, Heartland Trail, Transit.
    - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental.
    - Commissioner Jepson – Fair Board, Mahube OTWA, Planning & Zoning.
3. Appointments.
    - None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
    - Public Hearing to consider Revisions to the Becker County Zoning Ordinance on November 18 at 6:00 pm.
    - Meeting agendas and minutes are being updated on the website. The Board Packet is available in the boardroom during board meetings.
    - Negotiation team has met with 7 of 9 unions.
    - Data requests are significant and working on a policy review.
    - Attended Table Top Active Shooter Exercise – well attended, learned about all agencies involved.
    - Environmental Services is reviewing Waste Hauler credit limit policies.
2. Highway Road Tour – November 4 at 8:15 am.
3. Work Session – Friday, November 6 at 9:00 am.
4. Environmental: Motion and second to approve the purchase a used hook truck for Environmental Services up to $55,000 reviewed by County Administrator (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Information Technology: presented by Judy Dodd.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of 4 laptops and 4 desktops in the amount of $15,494.48 which is in budget (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Arvig Contract for approximately $500/year authorizing the County Administer to sign (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-26-1A – CSAH 11 Speed Study in the City of Audubon (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-26-1B – LRIP Resolution of Support – Phase 4 Project CSAH 22/West Lake Drive (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the purchase of GrayKey Digital Forensics Tool from Magnet Forensics up to $14,104.67 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-26-1E – 2027 Non-Union Insurance Contribution of $1,700 and Cash in Lieu in the amount of $773.71 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 10-28-2026.
    - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Bruce & Marsha Qvammen a Request for a Final Plat for nine (9) lots to be known as The Oaks at Spring Creek (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
    - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Andy & Barbara Mast a Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a General Store (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to close the meeting at 10:19 am for Labor Negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) 92 (Meyer, Hansen) carried.

Motion and second to come out of the Closed Session at 10:44 am (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Motion and second to approve the Teamsters Sheriff Clerical Contract for 2027-2029 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to approve the Teamsters Courthouse Contract for 2027-2029 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to approve the Teamsters Human Services Contract for 2027-2029 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to approve the AFSCME Contract for 2027-2029 (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

/s/ Carrie Smith	/s/ Erica Jepson
Carrie Smith	Erica Jepson
County Administrator	Board Chair