BOARD MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: TUESDAY, October 6, 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 E-Waste Recycling to Environmental Services (Meyer, Hansen) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of September 15, 2026 with the requested changes (Hansen, 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, License List: Tobacco License – Renewals: County 6 Gas & Bait – Tyler Kalberer – Lake View Twp, Richwood Store – Kerry Swiers – Richwood Twp, Ice Cracking Lodge – Tandra Parsons – Round Lake Twp, Lakes Corner Liquors – Aaron Aslesen – Erie Twp, Wildflower Golf Course – Beth Schupp – Lake Eunice Twp, Resolution 10-26-1A – Erie Township Four Corners Lions Club for a raffle at The Fishbowl in Erie Twp, January 30, 2027, August 2026 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, & Investment Reports, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Assessor: Abatements in the amount of $10,798, Sheriff: Intellihub Forward Thinking AP – Payment Options, CradlePoint Renewal (Nelson, Meyer) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
    - Walter Erickson – Road not adequate for the proposed wedding venue.
    - Rebecca Soukup – Missing minutes and agendas on the county website.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
    - Commissioner Hansen – AMC Fall Conference, Ottertail Watershed, Environmental, RAC.

- Commissioner Meyer – RAC, Sheriff, DAC, Sunnyside, Fair Board.
- Commissioner Nelson – AMC Fall Conference, Sheriff, Sunnyside, Extension, MRC, Benefits.
- Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, Safety, EDA.
- Commissioner Jepson – Fair Board, Extension, Benefits, EDA.

3. Appointments.
    - None.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
    - Employee Wellness Fair – October 13.
    - Employee Recognition – October 14.
    - Human Resources Intern – Mya is a senior at DL School.
    - Increased IDoc Records searches have increased revenue for the Recorder.
    - Looking for future Work Session dates.
2. F5 Project Grant.
    - Peer Mentoring with Probation clients has been severed.
    - Wade Erickson with Probation discussed using current model to find another form of peer support.
    - Motion and second to move forward with the termination of the contract with F5 and give notice that we will no longer be providing grant funding (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Human Resources: presented by Teaira Christen.

1. Motion and second to approve the LELS Dispatch & Jail Memorandum of Agreement (Meyer, Nelson) carried.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 10-26-1B – Ulteig Engineering Agreement pending County Attorney approval (Hansen, Vareberg) carried.
2. Road Tour Date: November 4 – 8:15 am at Highway.

EDA: presented by Cody Piper.

1. Motion and second to approve the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Becker County EDA & Cass County HRA for Housing Programs Transition & Support pending County Attorney approval (Nelson, Vareberg) carried.

Land Use: presented by Steve Skoog.

1. Regional C & D Plan and Presentation by Brad Sullivan and Tyler Nelson.
    - MPCA is proposing new rules for C&D waste landfills with the goal of improving groundwater protection.
    - Presented 3 different scenarios for District 4 members, all with a cost to the county.
2. Motion and second to approve the Wood Grinding Contractor proposal from Harbo Tree Service in the amount of $29,750 (Nelson, Meyer) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Capital Purchase Request of a new Semi Tractor – 2028 Mack Anthem Gen2 64TY from RDO Truck Centers in the amount of $167,289.50 (Vareberg, Hansen) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve the Electronic Waste Service Agreement with Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations from 10/01/2026 to 09/30/2027 (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve the Professional Service Request for Sheetrock Recycling Permit to Widseth in the amount of $6,000 (Hansen, Meyer) carried.
6. Motion and second to temporarily suspend Electronics Recycling Fees for the following dates: October 22-27, 2026 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Planning and Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations 09/30/2026.
    - Darlene & Jeffrey Hanson – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Wedding Venue and Event Center.
        i. Applicants Darlene and Jeff Hanson shared their plan
        ii. The following people shared testimony in opposition of the Conditional Use Permit: Liza McCaslin, Tammy Baden, Josie Anderson, Nichole Anderson, Steve Schutz, Robin Anderson, Heather Hamlin.
        iii. Beth Pridday with the Small Business Development Center helped the applicants with the process and noted the applicants were bullied by people opposed to the site.
        iv. Motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Vareberg to concur with the Planning Commission to approve the application for Darlene & Jeffrey Hanson by Commissioner Hansen. Motion withdrawn by Commissioners Hansen and Vareberg for further discussion on stipulations.

v. Motion and second to deny the application of Darlene and Jeffrey Hanson (Nelson, Jepson). Roll Call Vote: Nelson-Yes, Meyer-Yes, Hansen-No, Jepson-Yes, Vareberg-No, motion carried.

- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Bruce & Marsha Qvammen the Request for a Preliminary Plat for nine lots to be known as The Oaks at Spring Creek (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
- Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission to approve for Tyler & Elizabeth Peterson a Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Repair and Maintenance Business (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Motion and second to close the meeting at 11:29 am for Labor Negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) (Meyer, Vareberg) carried.

Motion and second to come out of Closed Session at 12:06 pm (Hansen, Meyer) carried.

Being no further business, Board Chair Jepson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

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