

February 3, 2026

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, the Brown County Board of Commissioners met in Room #204 of the Brown County Courthouse located in New Ulm, Minnesota, 56073. Commissioners present were David Borchert, Anton Berg, Scott Windschitl, Brian Braun and Jeff Veerkamp, along with County Administrator Sam Hansen and County Attorney Charles Hanson.

Call to Order

1. Chairman Windschitl called to order the Regular Meeting at 9:00 AM. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review

2. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to accept the printed agenda. This motion duly carried.

Consent Agenda Review

3. Previous Meeting's Official Proceedings and Synopsis Approval

4. General Government Claims

In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceed \$2,000: Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc \$2,893.83; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS \$7,180.83; AUTO VALUE NEW ULM \$2,443.78; Bolton & Menk Inc \$6,440.50; Brown Lyon Redwood Drug Task Force \$132,669.44; CDW GOVERNMENT INC \$15,798.72; Champ Software Inc \$15,104.00; Consolidated Correctional Foodservice \$14,107.88; DAKOTA CO FINANCIAL SERVICES \$12,400.00; FAUL Psychological \$2,660.00; League of Minnesota Cities \$2,340.00; M R Paving & Excavating 2,856.00; Master's Touch LLC/The \$3,802.30; MN SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION \$8,681.38; Redwood Co Auditor-Treasurer \$56,002.06; Rural Minnesota Energy Board \$3,000.00; VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO. \$3,400.00; WEELBORG CHEVROLET LLC \$2,746.73; 93 payments less than \$2,000 total \$45,835.89. Final Total: \$340,363.34.

5. Out of State Travel Request for Preparedness Summit

6. Staffing Report

A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve said Consent Agenda items. This motion duly carried.

New Business

7. State Senator Gary Dahms and State Representative Paul Torkelson met with the County Board and representatives from nine (9) county departments to discuss pending legislative issues. Topics discussed included but not limited to: Mental Health and Human Services Modernization; Human Resources; Property Tax, Environment, Land Management, Elections, and Infrastructure; and Public Safety and Emergency Medical Services. After considerable discussion, Chair Windschitl thanked Senator Gary Dahms and Representative Paul Torkelson for attending the County Board meeting to review county legislative concerns.

Break

8. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to accept Brown County's 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant in the amount of \$5,415.48 to reimburse expenses for accessibility improvements at polling places for individuals with disabilities, directing the Auditor-Treasurer on the use of the funds, and authorizing the Board Chair to sign the State of Minnesota 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant Program Agreement. This motion duly carried.

9. Andrew Lang, Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the spring road weight restrictions for 2026 as indicated on the map. This motion duly carried.

10. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to approve the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Update Plan prepared by Stonebrooke Engineering. This motion duly carried.

11. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept and order file the Highway Department Monthly Update for Construction and Maintenance Projects. This motion duly carried.

12. Randy Baker, Assistant Probation Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by

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Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to authorize the Probation Department to accept \$400.00 from the Optimist Club of New Ulm for purchase of incentives for the truancy intervention program. This motion duly carried.

13. Sarah Lanier, County Assessor, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to set date for County Board of Review for Monday, June 15th, 2026, at 7:00 PM, and reserve Board calendars for June 23rd at 1:00 PM if a continuance is needed. This motion duly carried.

14. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to schedule a public hearing for March 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM to consider Brown County Ordinance 2026-1, to regulate deer hunting firearms to shotgun-only in the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) Training Room. This motion duly carried.

Other Business

15. Correspondence:

Highway Committee Meeting to be held on February 3, 2026, following County Board meeting; Agenda attached to Agenda packet.

16. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on MRCI finance and full board meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on the Drainage conference, and GBERBA meeting; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the SCHA compliance meeting; Commissioner Braun reported on the MSSA listening session; and Commissioner Veerkamp reported on the MRC meeting.

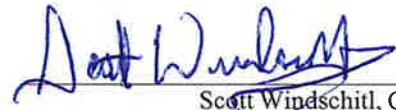
17. Calendars were coordinated for the next two-week period.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Notice

Highway Committee Meeting following the Board Meeting.


Scott Windschitl, Chair
Board of Brown County Commissioners
Brown County, Minnesota

ATTEST:

Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota