

July 7, 2026

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Brian Braun and Jeff Veerkamp, along with County Administrator Sam Hansen and County Attorney Charles Hanson. Commissioner Scott Windschitl excused.

Call to Order

1. Chairman Braun 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 Borchert, 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; Consolidated Correctional Foodservice \$11,908.06; DDA Human Resources, Inc \$14,425.00; DELL MARKETING LP \$3,922.36; GK Drone Service \$5,350.40; HKGI \$7,697.50; Hollinger/Sarah \$2,791.80; M R Paving & Excavating \$32,739.83; MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust \$3,029.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC \$4,801.40; New Ulm/City Of \$16,080.00; North Central International LLC \$4,665.92; Ramsey County (Medical Examiner) \$3,478.00; River Bend-Kemske Business Products \$2,315.13; Soldo Consulting P.C. \$5,923.24; Trane U.S. Inc \$18,543.86; University Of Minnesota \$33,475.00; VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$20,622.15; 80 payments less than \$2,000 total \$37,509.77. Final Total: \$232,172.25, less one unapproved claim payment to 4Imprint Inc. in the amount of \$477.21, for a final total of \$231,695.04.

5. 2026-2027 Brown County Daycare Consult Agreements

6. Staffing Report

A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve said Consent Agenda items, minus the Sheriff's Office claim to 4Imprint Inc in the amount of \$477.21. This motion duly carried.

New Business

7. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to receive and order file the Brown County Public Health Update for Quarter 2 of 2026. This motion duly carried.

8. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, and Andrew Lang, Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to approve the following drainage repair request(s) and the payment of said repair(s):

System	Repair	Order	TWP	Section	Repair Type	Cost
CD16	24-003	2	Bashaw	5	Replacement, Restriction	\$74,910.00
CD16	26-022	1	Bashaw	8	Replacement	\$50,626.14

This motion duly carried.

9. Andrew Lang, Engineer, and Alexandra Davis, Assistant Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to accept and order file the Highway Department Monthly Update for Construction and Maintenance Projects. This motion duly carried.

10. Allison Kletscher, Environmental Specialist, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve Resolution 2026-19, the adoption and implementation of the Minnesota River Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 4-0.

11. Robert Santaella, Planning and Zoning Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to review the Wellner Hageman Dam

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Inspection Report and authorize the Vice Chair to sign the report. This motion duly carried.

Break

Other Business

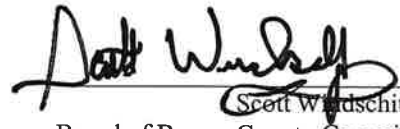
12. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on the MRCI Exec meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on the SCHSAC committee meeting; and Commissioner Veerkamp reported on the Area II/RCRCA meeting.

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

14. Correspondence: Notice of Change: MCIT Coverage Document and Southern MN Tourism Association 2026 Appropriation; Attached to Agenda Packet.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Braun declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.



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

ATTEST:



Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota

Resolution No 2026-19
Brown County Resolution

Minnesota River Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Borchert and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on July 7th, 2026, at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, Brown County (county) has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Minnesota River Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 and Board Resolution #23-50.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a local water management plan developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103B to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the county hereby adopts the approved Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan. The plan replaces the local water management plan for that geographic area of the county within the Plan for the duration of the state approved Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after the adoption of the Plan or amendments to the plan, Brown County shall notify local units of government within the Plan area. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Plan. Brown County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

Seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp and the same being put to a vote was duly carried.
This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0 (Commissioner Windschitl excused)
Dated this 7th day of July 2026.


Brian Braun
Vice Chairman, Brown County

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
County of Brown

I, Sam Hansen, duly appointed, qualified and acting County Administrator for the County of Brown, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a Resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 7th day of July 2026, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at New Ulm, Minnesota, this 7th day of July 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Hansen", is written over a horizontal line.

Sam Hansen
County Administrator