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At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, July 21, 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 Anton Berg, Scott Windschitl, Brian Braun and Jeff Veerkamp, along with Lay Board Members DeeAnn Gieske and Vicki Sieve, County Administrator Sam Hansen and Human Services Director Anne Broskoff. Commissioner David Borchert excused.

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 Veerkamp, 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: ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS \$3,743.00; Election Systems & Software Inc \$11,709.21; GEI Consultants Inc \$5,993.00; HKGI \$6,333.53; I & S Group Inc \$7,567.50; JEBRO INC \$44,289.14; MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP \$3,849.55; Mathiowetz Enterprises Inc \$215,357.23; PC Janitorial Supply, LLC \$2,292.22; PHYSICIANS GROUP OF NEW ULM LTD \$2,000.00; Powerplan Oib \$3,041.27; QUADIANT, INC \$2,244.00; R.D. Partners, Inc \$2,774.00; River Bend Leasing \$2,312.52; Smith & Johnson \$12,000.00; Valley Asphalt Products Inc \$6,445.77; VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$9,597.60; WENDLAND SELLERS LAW OFFICE \$6,477.00; 86 payments less than \$2,000 total \$32,477.19. Final Total: \$380,503.73, plus one additional approved claim payment to 4Imprint Inc. in the amount of \$477.21, for a final total of \$380,980.94.

5. Brown County & Brown County Agriculture Society Memorandum of Understanding

6. Human Services Claims Payments

In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000; Brown Co Probation Dept \$2,500.00; Brown Co Public Health Nursing \$3,000.00; Confidential Client \$3,506.74; Chuck Spaeth Ford Inc \$2,473.64; Jensen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram \$4,750.48; Pro Kinship for Kids \$2,275.00; Routematch Software LLC \$5,323.10; SahanCare LLC \$4,762.10; Southern MN Crisis Nursery \$8,750.00. 161 less than \$2,000 total \$54,865.10. Final total is \$92,206.16.

7. Staffing Report

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

New Business

8. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to accept and order file the Human Services Monthly Update report. This motion duly carried.

9. Jason Seidl, County Sheriff, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to accept and order file the Sheriff's Office June Monthly Report of Activity. This motion duly carried.

10. Nathan Beran, IT Director, and Jason Seidl, County Sheriff, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve the purchase of an Entrust Sigma ID3 printer from Identisys in the amount of \$2,450, with funds coming out of 01-200-0000-0134-6610 (Gun Permit Purchases). This motion duly carried. An additional quote was received from CDWG in the amount of \$2,809.53.

11. Andrew Lang, Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the following drainage ditch tree, brush, and weed control spraying request(s) and the payment of said spraying:

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System	Repair #	Order	Repair Type	Acres Sprayed	Cost
CD 01	26-023	1	Spraying	8	\$2,250.40
CD 10	26-024	1	Spraying	13	\$3,656.90
CD 11	26-025	1	Spraying	26	\$7,313.80
CD 12	26-026	1	Spraying	9	\$2,531.70
CD 13	26-027	1	Spraying	30	\$8,439.00
CD 18	26-028	1	Spraying	2.5	\$703.25
CD 2	26-029	1	Spraying	12	\$3,375.60
CD 24 MAIN A	26-030	1	Spraying	0.125	\$35.16
CD 24 MAIN B	26-031	1	Spraying	0.125	\$35.16
CD 28	26-032	1	Spraying	24	\$6,751.20
CD 3	26-033	1	Spraying	6.5	\$1,828.45
CD 32	26-034	1	Spraying	2	\$562.60
CD 33	26-035	1	Spraying	11	\$3,094.30
CD 4	26-036	1	Spraying	8.5	\$2,391.05
CD 45	26-037	1	Spraying	1	\$281.30
CD 46	26-038	1	Spraying	0.5	\$140.65
CD 5	26-039	1	Spraying	29.5	\$8,298.35
CD 57	26-040	1	Spraying	6	\$1,687.80
CD 58	26-041	1	Spraying	11	\$3,094.30
CD 60	26-042	1	Spraying	19	\$5,344.70
CD 63	26-043	1	Spraying	39	\$10,970.70
CD 67	26-044	1	Spraying	15.5	\$4,360.15
CD 68	26-045	1	Spraying	33.5	\$9,423.55
CD 69	26-046	1	Spraying	7	\$1,969.10
CD 70	26-047	1	Spraying	2	\$562.60
CD 71	26-048	1	Spraying	18	\$5,063.40
CD 75	26-049	1	Spraying	9	\$2,531.70
CD 8	26-050	1	Spraying	0.5	\$140.65
JD 10 B&BE	26-051	1	Spraying	90	\$25,317.00

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JD 12 B&R	26-052	1	Spraying	17.5	\$4,922.75
JD 13 W&B	26-053	1	Spraying	3	\$843.90
JD 14 B&W	26-054	1	Spraying	57.5	\$16,174.75
JD 17 B&R	26-055	1	Spraying	11	\$3,094.30
JD 18 R&B	26-056	1	Spraying	10	\$2,813.00
JD 24 B&R	26-057	1	Spraying	3.5	\$984.55
JD 29 B&R	26-058	1	Spraying	50	\$14,065.00
JD 30 R&B	26-059	1	Spraying	54.5	\$15,330.85
JD 35 R&B	26-060	1	Spraying	16	\$4,500.80
JD 36 R&B	26-061	1	Spraying	6.5	\$1,828.45
JD 5 B&W	26-062	1	Spraying	15	\$4,219.50
JD 9 B&BE	26-063	1	Spraying	9	\$2,531.70

This motion duly carried.

12. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve the County Road/Street closure request from the City of Hanska for CSAH 13 & 20 on August 22, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM for Hanska's 125th Community Celebration activities; CSAH 13 & CSAH 20 closure between 4th St and TH 257 on August 22, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for a parade; and CSAH 20 closure from 1st St to 2nd St be closed from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM for a street dance. This motion duly carried.

13. Jesse Kral, Facilities Manager, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve the purchase of a steam heat exchanger and condensate pump for the LEC/Courthouse heating system from Gag Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$18,250. This motion duly carried. An additional bid was received from Klassen Mechanical in the amount of \$19,000.

14. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve heat pump purchase for the LEC Dispatch Center from Gag Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$12,595. This motion duly carried. An additional bid from Klassen Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$13,300 was received.

15. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to approve the purchase of a rooftop air handler unit for the Community Services Building (CSB) from Nilson Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$15,970. This motion duly carried. An additional bid was received from Gag Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$17,900.

16. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to approve the 3rd floor Courthouse restroom construction updates in the amount of \$20,746.64 to meet ADA compliance. This motion duly carried.

Break

At this time, Attorney Hanson joined the meeting.

17. Planning Commission Recommendations:

Amanda Lang, Assistant Zoning Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve Final Plat application APP-P0180 filed by Pat Mohr on the property owned by Deanna J Mohr known as Mohr Subdivision Lot 1, Block 1 (2.50 acres) described as: Lot 1, Block 1 Berg's Subdivision, Section 22, Township 108, Range 31, Brown County, Minnesota, except a parcel of land situated in Lot 1 of Block 1 of Berg's Subdivision of Sec. 22, Twp. 108, Range 31, Brown County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of County Recorder of said county and state as instrument No. 189937, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Sec. 22, being also the Southwest corner of said Berg's subdivision; then North 00° 35'

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00" West, an assumed bearing, along the west line of said Sec. 22, being also the most westerly line of said Berg's Subdivision, a distance of 356.14 feet; then continue along the westerly boundary lines of said Berg's subdivision on the following six described courses; 1) North 64° 11' 00" East 814.89 feet; 2) North 76° 39' 00" East 1700.00 feet; 3) North 89° 29' 00" East 177.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; 4) North 00° 09' 00" West 525.00 feet; 5) North 89° 51' 00" East 221.00 feet; 6) North 04° 09' 00" West 778.00 feet; then depart from said westerly line North 89° 29' 00" East 184.95 feet; then South 00° 31' 00" East 1300.00 feet; then South 89° 29' 00" West 360.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 7.17 acres, more or less, Brown County Minnesota.

Application is to split residential site from tillable land. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 4-0.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve Preliminary Plat APP-P-0182 application filed by Stephanie Braun on the property owned by Glenn E Berkner known as Lot 1, Block 1 Berkner 5th Subdivision described as: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW1/4) of Section Twenty-six (26) and the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West, Brown County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 26; thence on an assumed bearing of North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, along the north line of said Section 26, a distance of 600.00 feet to an iron monument; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes West a distance of 677.00 feet to an iron monument; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West a distance of 644.00 feet to an iron monument; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 676.91 feet to a survey monument located on the north line of said Section 27; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes East, along said north line, a distance of 44.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 10.01 acres, subject to easements now of record in said county and state. The application is to split the outbuildings from the house. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 4-0.

18. Allison Kletscher, Environmental Specialist, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Brown County and the MN DNR relating to civil enforcement of an active ongoing wetland violation. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 4-0.

19. Sarah Lanier, County Assessor, and Charles Hanson, County Attorney, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the Retainer Agreement with Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLC (Attorney - Andrew Carlson) for the tax court filing for Americold Real Estate, L.P. involving 11 parcels: 001.890.002.00.020, 001.890.002.00.060, 190.014.001.01.020, 190.014.001.01.040, 190.014.001.01.050, 190.014.001.01.070, 190.014.001.01.080, 190.014.001.01.090, 190.014.001.01.095, 190.014.001.01.100, and 190.014.001.01.110. This motion duly carried.

20. Sam Hansen, County Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to accept and order file the Q2 2026 Budget Report (Modified Accrual and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 50% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$19,187,581 or 40.3%, and revenues of \$22,675,577 or 47.6%; and the Q2 2026 Supplemental Budget Report noting expenditures of \$810,034 or 32.8% and revenues of \$1,278,419 or 55.5% of annual budget activity. This motion duly carried.

Closed Session

21. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to convene into closed session as permitted by Minnesota Statute § 13D.05, subd. 2 to consider Social Services Payments. This motion duly carried.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to authorize payment of Social Service claims. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: Brown Co Evaluation Ctr \$10,491.20; Carlson Counseling & Consulting \$3,800.00; Children's Home \$11,936.25; Confidential Client \$2,812.00; DHS-Anoka Metro RTC \$16,264.00; ELAN Financial Services \$5,296.65; EON Inc \$2,282.40; Gerard Nexus Inc \$24,490.32; Heck/Corey \$2,000.00; Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota \$2,325.29; MN Valley Action Council \$21,669.15; MRCI Inc \$4,563.40; Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing \$17,683.20; Orchard Hill \$2,941.00; Perala/Samantha Jo \$2,760.00; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$16,500.00; Ries/Deana \$2,484.61; Sahan Care LLC 2,144.00; Southern MN Independent Living \$3,970.05; Village Ranch Inc \$10,486.41. 41 payments less than \$2,000 total \$28,982.23; Final Total \$195,852.16. This motion duly carried.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to cease closed

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session and reconvene the open session. This motion duly carried.

Other Business

22. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Berg reported on the Drainage workgroup; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the Insurance meeting and the Enterprise North meeting; and Commissioner Braun reported on the BC S&W meeting and Insurance meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.



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

ATTEST:


Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota