

August 25, 2026

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, August 25, 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 Lay Board Members DeeAnn Gieske and Vicki Sieve, County Administrator Sam Hansen and Human Services Director Anne Broskoff.

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. Human Services Claims Payments

In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000; ELAN Financial Services \$4,473.11; Zero less than \$2,000 total \$0. Final Total: \$4,473.11.

5. 2026 Tax-Forfeited Properties

6. Staffing Report

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

New Business

7. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve and sign the Harvest Counseling Purchase of Service Agreement to provide in-home family counseling services. This motion duly carried.

8. Laura Filzen, Social Worker/Child Protection, and Pauline Holz, Child Care Specialist, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept and order file of the Human Services Licensing Report of Adult and Child Foster Care providers and Day Care Providers. This motion duly carried.

9. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to appoint Commissioners Borchert and Braun to the Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) RFP Group to participate with the Human Services Director and Social Services Supervisor in determining awards for the aid. This motion duly carried.

10. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to accept and order file the Human Services Monthly Update report. This motion duly carried.

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 approve the purchase of an Exmark Lazer Z x-series mower for Lake Hanska Park in the amount of \$16,262 and declare the 2013 Bad Boy mower as excess property and authorize staff to dispose of the mower through MinnBid or by another method deemed appropriate by staff. Another bid was received for a John Deere Z970r, 72" Deck in the amount of \$17,080.78. This motion duly carried.

12. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept by Resolution No. 2026-24 the Tax-Forfeited Land Sale 2026.1 for properties forfeited to the State for non-payment of taxes establishing basic and minimum sale prices and terms of sale for Public Tax-Forfeited Land Auction to be held on October 2, 2026, location to be determined. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

Break

Other Business

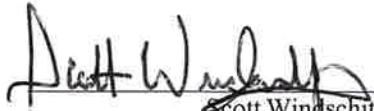
13. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Berg reported on the JD 24 meeting; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the Health Insurance meeting and Wellness committee meeting; and Commissioner Braun reported on the Health Insurance meeting and Wellness committee meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.



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

ATTEST:



Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota

Resolution No 2026-24
Brown County Resolution

Brown County Auditor's Notice of Sale of Lands 2026.1 Forfeited to the State for Non-Payment of Taxes

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Berg and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on August 25th, 2026, at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, prior to managing tax-forfeited lands as otherwise provided in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282, the county auditor must offer parcels forfeited after December 31, 2023, at a public auction to the highest bidder in a manner reasonably calculated to facilitate public participation, including by online auction.

WHEREAS, the sale under this section must occur within six months of either the filing of the certificate of forfeiture pursuant to section 281.23, subdivision 9, or the date the property is vacated by the occupant, whichever is later.

WHEREAS, notice of the sale under this subdivision must be provided by publication in newspapers, websites, and other forums that serve diverse communities in the county where the property is located at least 30 days before the commencement of the sale.

WHEREAS, at auction, the county auditor must calculate the minimum bid and make the figure available to those participating in the auction. The county auditor must also calculate and make available the initial price of the property, which is equal to the estimated market value, as determined by the most recent assessment. The property must not be sold for less than the initial price for 30 days after it is initially made available at auction.

WHEREAS, if no buyer is willing to pay the initial price, the price for the property must be reduced to the minimum bid.

WHEREAS, if no buyer is willing to pay the minimum bid, the State is deemed to have purchased the property through a credit bid and the parcels may be disposed of as otherwise provided in Chapter 282.

WHEREAS, Notice is hereby given, that the auditor-treasurer shall sell to the highest bidders at auction, the following described parcels of land forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of real estate taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by law. Said sale will be governed, as to terms, by the resolution of the Brown County Board of Commissioners.

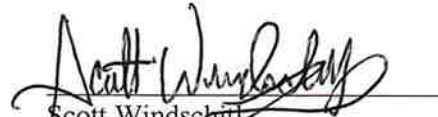
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Brown County Board of Commissioners, does hereby determine that it is advisable to order the sale of the following described parcels of land a Public Auction, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 282.0 et seq.:

Parcel	Legal Description	Address	Assessed Value	Specials Prior to Forfeiture	Specials After Forfeiture	Basic Sales Price	Minimum Bid
CITY OF NEW ULM							
001.002.068.13.130	SOUTH OF CENTER LOT 13 BLOCK 68	207 BROADWAY ST S	\$146,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146,300.00	\$10,383.69
CITY OF SLEEPY EYE							
002.000.049.04.040	ORIGINAL PLAT/SLEEPY EYE LOT 4 BLOCK 49	415 MAPLE ST SW	\$39,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,400.00	\$3,706.92

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Brown County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Brown County Auditor-Treasurer to conduct the sale of tax forfeited lands on the 2nd day of October 2026 commencing at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Minnesota Law at the Brown County Courthouse, located in New Ulm, Minnesota. Parcels not sold will be offered for over-the-counter sales for a period of 30 days. At the end of the 30-day period, the remaining unsold parcels will be offered for sale for the Minimum Bid during a Sealed Bid Auction beginning on the 9th day of November 2026. The sale will be governed by the terms approved by the County Board. Detailed terms of sale are in file with the County Auditor-Treasurer's office or on our website at www.browncountymn.gov. The purchaser is entitled to immediate possession.

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 5 Nays 0.
Dated this 25th day of August 2026.


Scott Windschitl
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 25th day of August 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 25th day of August 2026.


Sam Hansen
County Administrator