

October 15, 2024

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 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 Gieseke and Vicki Sieve, County Administrator Sam Hansen and Human Services Director Anne Broskoff.

Agenda Review

1. Chairman Veerkamp convened the Regular Meeting at 9:00 AM. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept the printed agenda. This motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Review

2. Previous Meeting's Official Proceedings and Synopsis Approval

3. General Government Claims

In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceed \$2,000: Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc \$5,039.53; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS \$2,427.65; AUTO VALUE NEW ULM \$2,305.20; Carahsoft Technology Corporation \$12,990.00; Deere & Company Strategic Accounts Busin \$18,387.40; Election Systems & Software Inc \$9,966.54; M R Paving & Excavating \$26,075.25; Mathiowetz Construction Co \$217,699.50; PHYSICIANS GROUP OF NEW ULM LTD \$2,000.00; Ramy Turf Products \$4,095.50; Uhl Company Inc \$24,465.00; WEELBORG CHEVROLET LLC \$2,166.14; 80 payments less than \$2,000 total \$27,547.42. Final Total: \$355,165.13.

4. Human Services Claims Payments

In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000; Confidential Client \$2,978.48; Brown Co Probation \$6,250.00; Brown Co Public Health Nursing \$4,894.43; Confidential Client \$3,669.38; Mn Human Services \$419,806.09; New Ulm Tire \$2,004.81; North Central Bus & Equipment Inc \$144,486.00; North Central International Inc \$2,703.76; Pro Kinship For Kids \$2,200.00; Jamie Reiser Counseling \$2,100.00; Southern MN Crisis Nursery \$7,875.00; Superior Mobility \$4,037.40; 154 payments less than \$2,000 total \$50,240.91. Final Total: \$653,246.26.

5. 2025 NRBG SSTs Grant Agreement

6. Staffing Report

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

New Business

7. Jason Seidl, County Sheriff, and Jeremy Reed, Chief Deputy, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept and order file the Sheriff's Office September Monthly Report of Activity. This motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve and authorize signature of the LETAC Training Contract on M2M American Stories of Cultural Change to be hosted by the Sheriff's Office in 2025. This motion carried 4-0-1, with Commissioner Borchert abstaining.

9. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Windschitl, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to approve the South County Health Alliance (SCHA) County Community Reinvestment Grant and authorize 2024 grant funding. This motion carried unanimously.

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

Closed Session

11. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to convene into closed session to consider Social Services Payments. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to authorize payment of Social Services claims in the amount of \$199,951.86. In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceed \$2,000: Brown Co Evaluation Ctr \$3,471.55; Cowing/Gay Lynn & Preston \$2,267.22; DHS – MSOP \$24,155.20; DHS St Peter RTC – 472 \$3,577.40; ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES \$3,893.17; Gerard Nexus Inc \$8,650.50; Habilitative Services Inc SILS \$2,225.25; Heartland Girls Ranch \$2,361.80; Hoffmann Counseling

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Services \$2,324.63; Land 2 Home Construction \$18,665.00; LSSMN \$6,139.20; Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota \$3,242.20; MBW Company SILS Program \$2,183.85; MN Valley Action Council \$20,484.92; MRCI INC \$4,386.40; Confidential Client \$2,673.00; Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing \$27,032.70; Oconomowoc Developmental Training Ctr WI \$15,772.50; Perala/Samantha Jo \$2,742.00; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$13,508.04; Southern Mn Independent Living \$2,039.75; Spurgin/Gerane \$3,944.42; 34 payments less than \$2,000 total \$24,214.16. Final Total: \$199,954.86. This motion carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Berg, and was seconded by Braun, to cease closed session and reconvene the open session. This motion carried unanimously.

New Business Reconvened

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

System	Repair	Order	TWP	Section	Repair Type	Cost
CD71	24-063	1	Sigel	1	Blowout	\$3,042.75
JD14 B_W	24-094	1	Linden	28	Beaver Dam	\$80.00
JD05 B_W	24-064	1	Albin	34	Blowout	\$2,398.50

This motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the purchase of 2,310 tons of seal coat chips from Sioux Rock for (2) sites and 3,590 tons from New Ulm Quartzite Quarry for (4) sites for seal coat aggregate in 2025. Other quotes were received. This motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept and order file the July 2024 Budget Report (Modified Accrual and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 58.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$23,983,845 or 56.5%, and revenues of \$24,303,218 or 57.2%; and the July 2024 Supplemental Budget Report noting expenditures of \$886,947 or 37.9% and revenues of \$1,088,404 or 52.4% of annual budget activity. This motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was offered by Commissioner Windschitl, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to accept and order file the August 2024 Budget Report (Modified Accrual and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 66.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$28,955,692 or 68.2%, and revenues of \$26,030,352 or 61.3%; and the August 2024 Supplemental Budget Report noting expenditures of \$1,078,840 or 46.1% and revenues of \$1,252,193 or 60.3% of annual budget activity. This motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was offered by Commissioner Windschitl, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to table personal unpaid leave of absence request for Employee 0466. Full-Time License Technician 0466 is requesting an unpaid leave of absence for an extended period of no less than 6–8 weeks. If approved, the employee will be responsible for paying the employer's share of life and health insurance costs (COBRA) within 30 days. This motion carried unanimously.

Break

17. Planning Commission Recommendations:

Robert Santaella, Zoning Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Windschitl, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve Conditional Use Permit Application filed by Kyle Brunner to allow use of the site for a power sports repair, sales and welding shop operation and constructing a 40' X 60' shop. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to approve Final Plat Application filed by Roger Wilfahrt on the property owned by Roger & Julie A Wilfahrt known as Wilfahrt 2nd Subdivision Lot 1 (2.50 acres), Lot 2 (2.50 acres), Lot 3 (3.77 acres) described as Wilfahrt 1st Subdivision, Section 12, Township 109 North, Range 30 West, Cottonwood Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to replat Wilfahrt 1st Subdivision into 3 lots, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

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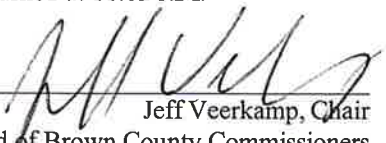
Other Business

18. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on MRCI meeting, Emergency Communication meeting, and R9 Taskforce meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on a JD 18 meeting; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the Transit Authority Committee, and SCHA grant meeting; Commissioner Braun reported on Woodlake meeting update and JD 17 meeting; Commissioner Veerkamp reported on a JD 17 meeting and MRCI meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Veerkamp declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.



Jeff Veerkamp, Chair
Board of Brown County Commissioners
Brown County, Minnesota

ATTEST:



Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota