

March 4, 2025

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 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.

Agenda Review

1. Chairman Windschitl 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 duly carried.

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: Blue Earth Co Environmental Services \$2,000.00; Bond Trust Services Corp 329545 \$541,661.25; Cargill Inc \$15,892.80; Eckberg Lammers, P.C. \$9,000.00; Fischer Group of Mankato, Inc \$304,352.18; GEI Consultants Inc \$2,989.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC \$3,962.88; North Central International LLC \$5,617.10; Streicher's \$5,127.33; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$4,087.50; Uhl Company Inc \$3,175.45; 48 payments less than \$2,000 total \$16,731.40. Final Total: \$914,596.89.

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

New Business

4. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept and order file the 2024 End of Year (EOY) Cash Management/Investment Report reflecting a portfolio balance of \$35,469,542.56 representing a 6.52% overall portfolio increase.

FUND	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% of CHANGE
Revenue	8,075,027.04	9,770,670.77	12,867,923.62	13,825,774.20	14,787,106.08	6.95%
Public Health	761,817.73	744,457.65	836,549.07	864,646.38	887,407.10	2.63%
Road & Bridge	5,485,901.10	5,709,059.52	7,222,715.40	6,999,747.99	7,823,921.29	11.77%
Family Service	4,434,281.60	4,232,983.55	4,494,822.28	3,820,287.17	3,377,932.80	-11.58%
Park	94,214.65	70,543.06	44,925.37	40,015.99	53,765.19	34.36%
Ditch	1,142,051.55	1,013,526.61	1,332,186.14	931,359.61	856,724.14	-8.01%
Cap Improvement	721,665.26	481,015.75	392,718.89	550,114.92	474,881.90	-13.68%
Landfill	1,672,919.32	576,317.73	1,061,924.50	1,328,854.32	1,620,154.50	21.92%
Landfill Trust	2,975,742.51	3,001,855.84	3,033,865.97	3,055,601.68	3,313,004.25	8.42%

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Misc Funds	1,118,735.76	1,194,708.21	1,272,051.35	1,882,437.70	2,274,645.31	20.84%
Portfolio Balance	26,482,356.52	26,795,138.69	32,559,682.59	33,298,839.96	35,469,542.56	6.52%

This motion duly carried.

5. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to authorize the removal of tax-forfeited land over-the-counter sales of (25) current properties, reevaluate sales for current and new 2025 listings for the 2025 Auction in accordance with new tax-forfeited statutes, or sell as part of a rehabilitation program. This motion duly carried.

6. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, acting as the Drainage Authority of Brown County Ditch 16, to adopt the Initial Findings and Order accepting the Petition and Bond for improvement of portions of Branch 3 of CD 16, and appoint engineering firm ISG, Inc., and Chuck Brandel, P.E., to make a preliminary survey and file a report. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

7. 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 Veerkamp, to accept and order file the Highway Department Monthly Update for Construction and Maintenance Projects. This motion duly carried.

8. Evonn Westcott, Probation Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept by Resolution 2025-3 supporting the Brown County Service Delivery System moving from a County Probation Office model to a Community Corrections Act County. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

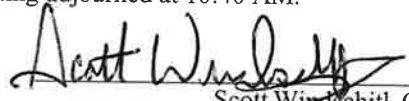
Other Business

9. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on the AMC Legislative conference, UMN Clean Energy meeting, and MRCI meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on the AMC Legislative conference, MRC meeting, and SWAC meeting; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the AMC Legislative conference, Wellness meeting, SCHA, and Enterprise North meeting; and Commissioner Braun reported on the AMC Legislative conference, Wellness meeting, and SWAC meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.


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

ATTEST:


Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota