

July 8, 2025

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, July 8, 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 Assistant County Attorney Daniel Kalk.

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 Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, 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 \$2,704.50; BLETHEN BERENS \$5,116.26; Consolidated Correctional Foods \$11,767.12; Election Systems & Software Inc \$4,216.59; GEI Consultants Inc \$6,587.26; Heart of New Ulm \$14,865.39; Hollinger/Sarah \$3,834.00; L & M ROAD SERVICES LLC \$6,142.00; Miesen's Color Center \$4,406.85; MN Counties Computer Cooperative \$31,051.07; MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS \$23,000.00; North Country GM \$160,662.64; PHYSICIANS GROUP OF NEW ULM LTD \$4,000.00; RON'S RECYCLING \$5,954.00; SP Custom Carpentry and Windows Inc \$4,292.50; University Of Minnesota \$32,500.00; VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$37,673.14; WEELBORG CHEVROLET LLC \$3,400.99; WENDLAND SELLERS LAW OFFICE \$3,435.00; Wurtzberger Construction Inc \$3,875.00; 86 payments less than \$2,000 total \$38,350.92. Final Total: \$407,835.23.

5. Staffing Report

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

New Business

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

System	Repair	Order	TWP	Section	Repair Type	Cost
JD10 B&BE	18-125	1	Linden	1	Culvert/Crossing, Slough	\$8,588.25
JD 10 B&BE	25-011	1	Linden	1	Slough	\$27,820.70
CD 05	25-019	1	Prairieville	10	Blowout	\$887.50
CD 12	19-183	1	Eden	25	Slough, Tile Outlet	\$3,252.50
CD 12	24-056	1	Eden	25	Slough	\$3,252.50
CD 57	25-024	1	Eden	16	Surface Intake	\$2,799.30
JD 29 B&R	23-025	1	Eden	29	Tile Outlet	\$627.50
Imp JD 7 B&C	25-014	1	Bashaw	35	Blowout	\$4,812.00

This motion duly carried.

7. Andrew Lang, Engineer, and Alexandra Davis, Assistant Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to approve the County Road/Street closure request from the Pig & Plow for CSAH 31 between CSAH 7 and First St. in Evan on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 8:00 AM to Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 2:00 AM for Tractor Roll-In activities. This motion

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Members present were Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, Braun and Veerkamp, along with Administrator Hansen and Assistant Attorney Kalk.

M/Braun, S/Berg, to accept the printed agenda; carried.

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3. Staffing Report

M/Braun, S/Borchert, to approve said Consent Agenda items; carried.

M/Berg, S/Veerkamp, to approve (8) drainage repair request(s) and the payment of said repair(s) carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Braun, to approve the Co. Rd/St. closure request from the Pig & Plow for CSAH 31 between CSAH 7 and 1st St. in Evan on Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, from 8:00 AM to Sun., Aug. 24, 2025, at 2:00 AM for Tractor Roll-In activities; carried.

M/Braun, S/Windschitl, to accept and order file the June 25, 2025, bid results for the CSAH 10 Streambank Project to armor approximately 2.5 miles of streambank W. of TH 4 along the MN River due to severe erosion; carried.

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to accept and order file the HWY Department Monthly Update for Construction and Maintenance Projects; carried.

M/Braun, S/Veerkamp, to approve the inclusion of (1) FTE Social Worker - Aging and Disability Services position as part of the draft 2026 budget; carried 3-2, Berg and Borchert dissenting.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to approve Families First Children's Collaborative to use the Sauer Family Foundation grant awarded at the end of 2024 to purchase gift cards, Chamber dollars, or Farmer's Market bucks and use as incentives for Brown Co. residents to complete the Family and Community Strengths Survey; carried

M/Braun, S/Berg, to approve (11) Brown Co. Public Health Policies due for review in 2025 per the 3-year rotating review schedule; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Windschitl, to accept and order to file the 2024 Families First Collaborative Year End Report; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Braun, to approve the immediate posting of a Deputy Recorder vacancy due to employee retirement in Aug. 2025; carried.

M/Braun, S/Berg, to accept and order file the Sheriff's Office June 2025 Monthly Report of Activity; carried.

M/Braun, S/Berg, to approve (1) additional Deputy Sergeant position to be included in the draft 2026 budget; failed 1-4, Berg, Veerkamp, Borchert, and Windschitl opposed.

M/Veerkamp, S/Braun, to authorize and adopt a motion to approve Red Rock Rural Water Joint Powers Agreement, for a project to connect the City of Avoca and approximately 350 residences around Lake Shetek and Lake Sarah in Murray Co. to Red Rock's potable water distribution system; carried.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Borchert reported on the R9 Germany trip and MRCI Executive meeting; Berg reported on the CPR/AED training; Windschitl reported on the General Foreman interviews, Safety committee meeting and CPR/AED training, and SCHA report; Braun reported on the JD 5 meeting and JD 36 meeting; and Veerkamp reported on the RCRCA meeting.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two-week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

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duly carried.

8. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to accept and order file the June 25, 2025, bid results for the CSAH 10 Streambank Project to armor approximately 2.5 miles of streambank West of TH 4 along the Minnesota River due to severe erosion. This motion duly carried.

9. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept and order file the Highway Department Monthly Update for Construction and Maintenance Projects. This motion duly carried.

10. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, and Annie Braun, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve the inclusion of (1) FTE Social Worker - Aging and Disability Services position as part of the draft 2026 budget. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 3-2, with Commissioners Berg and Borchert dissenting.

11. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, and 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 Families First Children's Collaborative to use the Sauer Family Foundation grant awarded at the end of 2024 to purchase gift cards, Chamber dollars, or Farmer's Market bucks and use as incentives for Brown County residents to complete the Family and Community Strengths Survey. This motion duly carried.

12. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve (11) Brown County Public Health Policies due for review in 2025 per the 3-year rotating review schedule. This motion duly carried.

Break

13. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to accept and order to file the 2024 Families First Collaborative Year End Report. This motion duly carried.

14. Mary Schreiner, County Recorder, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to approve the immediate posting of a Deputy Recorder vacancy due to employee retirement in August 2025. This motion duly carried.

15. Jason Seidl, County Sheriff, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to accept and order file the Sheriff's Office June 2025 Monthly Report of Activity. This motion duly carried.

16. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve (1) additional Deputy Sergeant position to be included in the draft 2026 budget. This motion failed on a roll-call vote of 1-4, with Commissioners Berg, Veerkamp, Borchert, and Windschitl opposed.

17. Sam Hansen, County Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to authorize and adopt a motion to approve Red Rock Rural Water Joint Powers Agreement, for a project to connect the City of Avoca and approximately 350 residences around Lake Shetek and Lake Sarah in Murray County to Red Rock's potable water distribution system. This motion duly carried.

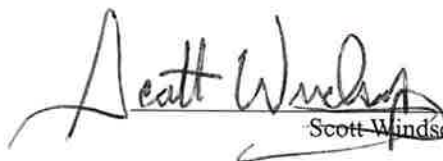
Other Business

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.


Scott Windschitl, Chair

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Board of Brown County Commissioners
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ATTEST:



Sam Hansen

Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota