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At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, July 22, 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 Lay Board Member DeeAnn Gieseke, County Administrator Sam Hansen and Human Services Director Anne Broskoff. Lay Board Member Vicki Sieve 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 Borchert, to accept the printed agenda, with the removal of item #11: Preliminary Hearing Continuation for County Ditch 74. 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; Applied Concepts Inc \$3,264.00; Bolton & Menk Inc \$4,032.50; CARSON/BARBARA A \$2,000.25; CDW GOVERNMENT INC \$2,763.45; ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO LLC \$9,349.50; FLINT HILLS RESOURCES, LP \$97,368.64; I & S Group Inc \$8,977.50; Martin County Hwy Dept \$5,062.00; Mathiowetz Enterprises Inc \$69,166.63; MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust \$2,198.00; North Central International LLC \$2,153.54; PC Janitorial Supplies LLC \$2,044.30; River Bend-Kemske Business Products \$2,438.86; Valley Asphalt Products Inc \$10,351.00; 98 payments less than \$2,000 total \$28,649.93. Final Total: \$253,563.10

5. Human Services Claims Payments

In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000; Confidential Client \$2,827.40; Brandt Printing \$9,441.07; Confidential Client \$4,038.06; Brown Co Public Health Nursing \$4,111.36; Chuck Spaeth Ford Inc \$2,856.28; Elan Financial Services \$2,076.95; Express Services Inc \$2,487.50; Mankato Family YMCA \$4,050.00; Mikes Collision & Tire \$2,631.45; MN Human Services \$21,942.19; Pro Kinship for Kids \$2,100.00; School Perceptions LLC \$2,600.00; Sibley Co Public Health and Human Services \$8,244.37; Southern MN Crisis Nursery \$7,500.00; Sturm Funeral Home \$4,902.00; Superior Mobility \$3,108.84; Verizon Wireless \$3,243.52; Watonwan County Human Services \$8,244.37; Confidential Client \$2,126.88; 156 payments less than \$2,000 total \$56,094.66. Final Total: \$154,626.90.

6. Staffing Report

7. Horizon Homes Lease Agreement

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

New Business

8. Anne Broskoff, Human Services Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts Policy; an ABLE account is a tax-advantaged savings account designed for individuals with disabilities. This motion duly carried.

9. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to accept and order file the Human Services Monthly Update Report. This motion duly carried.

10. Jeremy Reed, Chief Deputy, and Communications Lieutenant, Lori Bianchi, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to purchase KVL 5000 for programming talk groups in county portable and mobile radios for the amount of \$10,169.47 out of 911 funds. This motion duly carried.

11. Preliminary Hearing Continuation for County Ditch 74; removed from agenda.

12. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, and 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
CD01	25-025	1	Spraying	6	\$1,687.80
CD10	25-026	1	Spraying	12.5	\$3,516.25
CD11	25-027	1	Spraying	23.5	\$6,610.55
CD12	25-028	1	Spraying	2.5	\$703.25
CD13	25-029	1	Spraying	4.5	\$1,265.85
CD18	25-030	1	Spraying	0.75	\$210.98
CD02	25-031	1	Spraying	16	\$4,500.80
CD24A	25-032	1	Spraying	0.25	\$70.33
CD24B	25-033	1	Spraying	0.25	\$70.33
CD28	25-034	1	Spraying	18	\$5,063.40
CD03	25-035	1	Spraying	3.5	\$984.55
CD32	25-036	1	Spraying	2	\$562.60
CD33	25-037	1	Spraying	13	\$3,656.90
CD04	25-038	1	Spraying	5.75	\$1,617.48
CD45	25-039	1	Spraying	1	\$281.30
CD05	25-040	1	Spraying	32	\$9,001.60
CD55	25-041	1	Spraying	0.5	\$140.65
CD57	25-042	1	Spraying	3	\$843.90
CD58	25-043	1	Spraying	15	\$4,219.50
CD60	25-044	1	Spraying	13.5	\$3,797.55
CD63	25-045	1	Spraying	35	\$9,845.50
CD67	25-046	1	Spraying	13	\$3,656.90
CD68	25-047	1	Spraying	25.75	\$7,243.48
CD69	25-048	1	Spraying	5.25	\$1,476.83
CD70	25-049	1	Spraying	10	\$2,813.00
CD71	25-050	1	Spraying	10	\$2,813.00
CD75	25-051	1	Spraying	4.5	\$1,265.85
CD08	25-052	1	Spraying	0.5	\$140.65
JD10 B&BE	25-053	1	Spraying	72.5	\$20,394.25
JD12 B&R	25-054	1	Spraying	13	\$3,056.90
JD13 W&B	25-055	1	Spraying	22	\$6,188.60
JD14 B&W	25-056	1	Spraying	52.5	\$14,768.25

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JD17 R&B	25-057	1	Spraying	9.5	\$2,672.35
JD18 B&R	25-058	1	Spraying	3	\$843.90
JD24 R&B	25-059	1	Spraying	2.5	\$703.25
JD29 B&R	25-060	1	Spraying	32.5	\$9,142.25
JD30 R&B	25-061	1	Spraying	39.75	\$11,181.68
JD35 B&R	25-062	1	Spraying	9.5	\$2,672.35
JD36 R&B	25-063	1	Spraying	9.5	\$2,672.35
JD05 B&W	25-064	1	Spraying	13.5	\$3,797.55
JD09 B&BE	25-065	1	Spraying	10.5	\$2,953.65

This motion duly carried.

13. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to award the contract for the CSAH 10 Streambank Armoring project to M.R. Paving & Excavating, Inc. with a low bid of \$508,353.17. CSAH 10, approximately 2.5 miles West of TH 4 along the Minnesota River, is planned for a stream bank armoring project to be funded with federal PROTECT funding and regular state aid. This motion duly carried.

14. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to approve 2025-2026 Brown County Public Health Daycare Consultation Agreements at an hourly service rate of \$52.00 per hour with (3) daycare centers, including Kids Xcel, Martin Luther Early Childhood Learning Center, and Stay and Play. This motion duly carried.

15. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept by Resolution No. 2025-11 the termination of the South Central Regional IMMtrack Joint Powers Agreement. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

16. Sam Hansen, County Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to accept by Resolution No. 2025-12 the Crime Victim Services 2026 Grant Contract Agreement effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and authorize Charles Hanson to sign the agreement as permitted by Minnesota Statute § 375.13. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

17. Jesse Kral, Facilities Manager, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to accept Full Service Electric bid in the amount of \$8,460.00 to replace the Generator Automatic Transfer Switch serving the Law Enforcement Center, and an additional \$6,000 for switch removal and installation, due to not being proprietary equipment. A second bid was received from Cummins in the amount of \$6,282.06. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Borchert abstaining.

Break

18. Planning Commission Recommendations:

Robert Santaella, Planning and Zoning Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application APP-C-0185 filed by Ella Clobes of Xcel Energy on the property owned by Northern States Power Company described as Lot "G" of Sublot "B" of Government Lot 16, Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 31 West, Milford Township, Brown County, Minnesota. The application for a CUP is to allow the use of a 69kv electrical substation, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection District. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

Closed Session

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

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motion duly carried.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to authorize payment of Social Services claims in the amount of \$202,543.83. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: Brown Co Evaluation Ctr \$12,778.33; Character Challenge Adventures \$11,515.00; Counseling Services of Southern MN INC \$3,760.00; DHS – Anoka Metro RTC \$6,496.00; DHS – MSOP \$12,418.50; DHS St Peter RTC – 472 \$6,347.00; ELAN Financial Services \$2,533.79; EON Inc \$2,107.18; Gerard Nexus Inc \$9,065.70; Heartland Girls Ranch \$10,779.90; Hoffmann Counseling Services \$2,170.55; Confidential Client \$2,130.75; LDR Home Care LLC \$2,753.10; LSSMN \$2,731.20; Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota \$3,799.00; MN Valley Action Council \$19,058.46; MRCI INC \$4,250.30; Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing \$25,586.40; Oconomowoc Developmental Training Ctr WI \$8,245.86; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$13,500.00; River Valley Housing Connection LLC \$2,406.39; Confidential Client \$4,692.00. 40 payments less than \$2,000 total \$33,418.42; Final Total: \$202,543.83. This motion duly carried.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to cease closed session and reconvene the open session. This motion duly carried.

Other Business

20. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on the R9 anaerobic digester tour and the MVAC annual meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on the GBERBA meeting and AMC drainage workgroup meeting; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the Insurance committee meeting and SCHA Nourish Rx meeting; Commissioner Braun reported on the R9 anaerobic digester tour and Insurance committee meeting; and Commissioner Veerkamp reported on the JD 5/36 construction meeting.

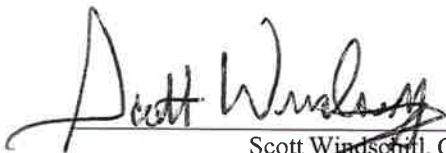
21. Calendars were coordinated for the next two-week period.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Notice

County Board Workshop regarding Human Services mandates vs non-mandates following the Board Meeting.


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

ATTEST:


Sam Hansen

Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota