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At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, September 16, 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.

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

Authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$76,213.06.

In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceed \$2,000: Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc \$2,704.50; ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS \$3,743.00; Bolton & Menk Inc \$4,663.50; CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP \$18,900.00; I & S Group Inc \$2,255.00; MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP \$2,980.70; Ramy Turf Products \$4,856.50; River Bend Leasing \$2,208.61; RIVER VALLEY FORENSIC SERVICES, PA \$2,050.00; WEELBORG CHEVROLET LLC \$2,462.42; 86 payments less than \$2,000 total \$29,388.83. Final Total: \$76,213.06.

5. Human Services Claims Payments

Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$75,366.41 In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000; Confidential Client \$2,019.03; Brown Co Public Health Nursing \$2,510.00; Mn Valley Funeral Home \$3,121.15; Pumps Tire Service Inc \$3,439.26; Pro Kinship For Kids \$2,100.00; School Perceptions LLC \$3,737.76; Superior Mobility \$3,002.44; Confidential Client \$3,486.45; One hundred forty-eight payments less than \$2,000 total \$51,950.32. Final total is \$75,366.41.

6. Staffing Report

7. Opioid Settlement Grant Award

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

8. Jeremy Reed, Chief Deputy, Jason Seidl, County Sheriff, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept and order file the Sheriff's Office August 2025 Monthly Report of Activity. This motion duly carried.

9. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to purchase LUCAS machine for the jail Purchase LUCAS machine for the jail for \$15,171.10. This motion duly carried.

10. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the purchase of the moving targets from Action Target in the amount of \$7,499.97. This motion duly carried.

11. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to purchase two APX consoletes with 9-1-1 funds for a total of \$21,854.40. This motion duly carried.

12. Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer, Andrew Lang, Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, 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
CD60	24-098	1	Prairieville	36	Slough, Tile Outlet	\$22,573.80

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JD30R_B	25-066	1	Prairieville	16	Culvert/Crossing, Debris	\$1,500.00
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The County drainage systems were repaired as described on the attached sheets. These were normal maintenance repairs. This motion duly carried.

13. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to award the contract for the ditch crossing culvert replacement project on JD 5 B&W to Sandgren Trucking & Excavating with a low bid of \$30,447.62. Quotes are as follows:

Contractor	Total Bid
Sandgren Trucking & Excavating	\$30,447.62
Hillmann Backhoe & Tiling	\$33,423.72
Mathiowetz Construction Company	\$37,052.00
M.R. Paving & Excavating	\$55,180.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$54,351.00

This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

14. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to award the contract for the open ditch cleanout on County Ditch 3 to Walters Excavating with a low bid of \$11,996.00 (\$1.00/ft). Quotes are as follows:

Contractor	Clean Out \$/ft	Total Bid
Walters Excavating	\$1.00/ft	\$11,996.00
Hillmann Backhoe & Tiling	\$1.09/ft	\$13,075.64

This motion duly carried.

15. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to award the contract for the open ditch cleanout on County Ditch 75 to Sandgren Trucking & Excavating with a low bid of \$10,810.21 (\$1.07/ft). Quotes are as follows:

Contractor	Clean Out \$/ft	Total Bid
Sandgren Trucking & Excavating	\$1.07/ft	\$10,810.21
Hillmann Backhoe & Tiling	\$1.09/ft	\$11,012.27

This motion duly carried.

16. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Volvo PT125 pneumatic-tired roller from Swanston Equipment and maintaining procession of U-101 for backup.

Quotes received are as follows:

Company	Roller Year/Make/Model	Hours	Price	Trade Value
RDO of Mankato	2019 HAMM GRW180i-10	860	\$59,500	\$10,000
RDO of Mankato	2023 HAMM HP180i	632	\$109,000	\$10,000
Swanston Equipment	2023 Volvo PT125	522	\$78,500	\$12,500
Swanston Equipment	2025 Volvo PT125	101	\$87,500	\$12,500
Ziegler Cat	2022 Caterpillar CW16	488	\$116,175	\$18,735

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RMS	2023 Bomag BW28RH	208	\$189,300	\$15,000
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This motion failed on a 2-3 roll-call vote, with Commissioners Berg, Veerkamp, and Windschitl opposed.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Volvo PT125 pneumatic-tired roller from Swanston Equipment and trade in the U-101 for \$12,500. This motion carried on a roll-call vote 5-0.

17. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to receive and order file the post-election review report Ruth Ann Webster of the League of Womens Voters of Minnesota (LWV). This motion duly carried.

Break

18.

Robert Santaella, Planning and Zoning Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve Preliminary Plat application APP-P-0169. Application is to consider the Preliminary Plat of Weiss Subdivision. Application filed by Lisa Domeier on the property owned by Weiss Family Trust known as Weiss Subdivision Lot 1, Block 1 (1.63 acres), Lot 2, Block 1 (2.50 Acres) described as Lot 2, Block 1 Cselovszki Subdivision, Section 18, Township 110 North, Range 32 West, Home Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split into two parcels.

Recommended Condition:

1. Final plat shall show an easement of access to the area described as Lot 1.

This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to approve Preliminary Plat APP-P-0170 Application filed by Dean Laraway on the property owned by Dean A Laraway Trust described as part of th SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 17, Township 110 Township North, Range 31 West, Milford Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to split off buildings from tillable ground. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve Preliminary Plat Application APP-P-0171. Approve Preliminary Plat application on the property owned by Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Mary Lou Mathiowetz, and Ronda J Mathiowetz described as part of Lots 2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and part of Lot E of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 27, Township 109 North, Range 33 West, Milford Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to separate the ballfield from the property around it. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

19. Nathan Beran, IT Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to approve Whole-of-State Service agreement and Work Order and authorize the IT Director to sign. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

20. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Borchert, to approve estimate from R.D. Partners, Inc and hardware purchases, with an estimated total cost of devices and one-time expenses to be about \$35,750. This motion duly carried.

Closed Session

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

A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Braun, to convene closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13D.05, subd. 2 to consider Social Services Payments and authorize payment of Social Services claims in the amount \$220,553.06.

Claims listing will be available at meeting; session will be audio-taped.

Consider payment of claims in the amount of \$190,417.97. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: Brown Co Evaluation Ctr \$7,259.10; Dept of Human Services BHF \$2,205.95; ELAN Financial Services \$6,143.14; EON Inc \$2,358.48; Families First Collaborative \$42,937.00; Gerard Nexus Inc \$3,928.47; Heartland Girls Ranch \$3,952.63; Hudson/Michael & Lyndi \$5,507.50; LSSMN \$2,916.17; Lutheran Social

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Services of Minnesota \$2,288.10; MBW Company SILS Program \$2,377.96; MN Valley Action Council \$14,696.64; MRCI Inc \$8,500.60; Nexus - Mille Lacs Family Healing \$26,439.28; Prairie Lakes Youth Programs \$27,919.00; River City Concrete Inc. \$13,218.00; Southern MN Independent Living \$3,253.65; Confidential Client \$5,111.30; The Shed & Fence Company \$6,115.00; Wings Guardianship Services \$3,290.00. 42 payments less than \$2,000 total \$30,135.09; Final Total \$220,553.06. This motion duly carried.

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

Other Business

22. Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Borchert reported on Opioid meeting, MRCI exec meeting, Detox meeting, MVAC meeting, and Workforce JP meeting.

Commissioner Berg reported on Opioid meeting, AMC Conference, JD 24 meeting, and Road and Park Tour.

Commissioner Windschitl reported on Road and Park Tour, Flag Workshop

Commissioner Braun reported on BC S&W meeting, JD 5 meeting, JD 36 meeting, Road and Park Tour, and AMC Conference.

Commissioner Veerkamp reported on AMC Conference, MRC meeting, JD 5 meeting, JD 36 meeting, RCRCA meeting, and Park committee meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.


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

ATTEST:


Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota