

September 2, 2025

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, 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 \$161,410.03.

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, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to authorize the Board chair to sign the Order and Notice of Preliminary Hearing for the improvement of County Ditch 16. This motion duly carried.

7. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to authorize the Board chair to sign the Order and Notice of continued Preliminary Hearing for the improvement of County Ditch 74. This motion duly carried.

8. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the following drainage repair request(s) and the payment of said repair(s):

System	Repair	Order	TWP	Section	Repair Type	Cost
JD09B_BE	25-007	1	Cottonwood	27	Culvert/Crossing	\$2,200.00

The County drainage systems were repaired as described on the attached sheets. These were normal maintenance repairs. This motion duly carried.

9. Andrew Lang, Engineer and Alexandra Davis, Assistant Engineer, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, 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.

10. Tammy Hoffmann and Mary Priebe, HR Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Braun, and was seconded by Berg, to approve an increased HSA contribution for non-union employees by \$250. Motion failed on a roll-call vote 1-4, with Commissioners Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, and Veerkamp dissenting.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, to deny the addition of a floating holiday for non-union employees; motion carried on a roll-call vote 5-0.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to adjust the amount of Sick Leave paid out to employees, at 5 years from 5% to 10%; at 10 years from 10% to 15%; at 15 years from 25% to 30%; and at 20 years at 25% to 35%; motion failed on a roll-call vote 1-4, with Commissioners Borchert, Berg, Veerkamp, and Windschitl dissenting.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to add an exempt employee benefit of 40 hours added to vacation bank for Dept Heads and 16 hours for all other exempt employees; motion failed on a roll-call vote 2-3, with Commissioners Berg, Veerkamp, and Windschitl dissenting.

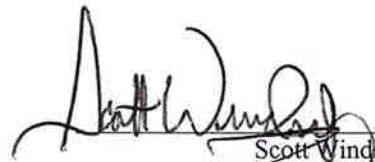
Other Business

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11. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on the budget workshop; Commissioner Berg reported on the budget workshop; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the budget workshop and SCHA executive meeting. Commissioner Braun reported on the budget workshop; and Commissioner Veerkamp reported on the budget workshop.
12. Calendars were coordinated for the next two-week period.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.


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

ATTEST:

Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota