

November 4, 2025

At 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, November 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.

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. 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: BEHRENDT/MARK \$4,919.00; Chuck Spaeth Ford Inc \$4,447.95; CLEMENTS LUMBER CO \$21,049.00; CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP \$2,625.00; ESRI \$13,505.00; Geocomm Inc \$6,063.75; Hollinger/Sarah \$3,572.10; Mathiowetz Enterprises Inc \$55,072.46; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC \$4,155.68; PC Janitorial Supply, LLC \$2,257.97; RINKE NOONAN LAW FIRM \$5,308.00; Trane U.S. Inc \$2,755.00; VEOLIA ES TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS \$18,165.72; WENDLAND SELLERS LAW OFFICE \$5,207.00; 64 payments less than \$2,000 total \$32,733.17. Final Total: \$181,836.80

5. Staffing Report

A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Windschitl, 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 Braun, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to authorize the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign the Statement of Work-Audit Services for the 2025 Brown County Financials, including professional fees at the base rate of \$83,800 plus additional fees. This motion duly carried.

7. 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
CD72	25-076	1	Home	29	Jetting/Televising	\$6,601.00

This motion duly carried.

8. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to schedule a Public Hearing at 10:15 AM on December 16, 2025, for consideration of continuing the Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation. 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 Berg, to ratify the authorization and signature of the Purchase Agreement for Highway Department Aggregate Pit and additional produced aggregate stockpile purchase by County Engineer, Andrew Lang. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

10. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept by Resolution 2025-20 the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Project Sponsorship of Stark and Home Township. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

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

12. Jaimee Brand, Public Health Director, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Borchert, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Brown County Public Health and the City of New Ulm for use of the City of New Ulm's recreational facilities to support the citizens of Brown County in the event of an emergency and approval of public health director signature.

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This motion duly carried.

13. Sam Hansen, County Administrator, met with the County Board. A motion was offered by Commissioner Berg, and was seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp, to accept by Resolution 2025-18 Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 3-2, with Commissioners Borchert and Windschitl opposed.

14. A motion was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp, and was seconded by Commissioner Berg, to accept by Resolution No. 2025-19 the recommended re-appointments of Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson to another 4-year term on the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. This motion carried on a roll-call vote of 5-0.

Break

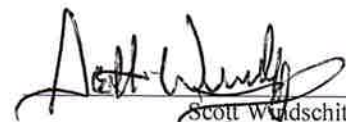
Other Business

15. Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Borchert reported on the MRCI Exec meeting; Commissioner Berg reported on the Park Board meeting, and the AMC Drainage workshop; Commissioner Windschitl reported on the Transit Advisory Committee meeting; Commissioner Braun reported on the Woodlake Taskforce meeting; and Commissioner Veerkamp reported on the Woodlake Taskforce meeting.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.


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

ATTEST:

Sam Hansen
Brown County Administrator
Brown County, Minnesota

Resolution No 2025-20
Brown County Resolution

Resolution of Sponsorship from Sponsoring Agency

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Berg and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on November 4, 2025, at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, Stark and Home Townships would like to submit Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) application; and

WHEREAS, Stark and Home Townships need the County to sponsor their LRIP application; and

WHEREAS, Stark and Home Townships have requested Brown County be the sponsoring agency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brown County, Minnesota agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a LRIP Project identified as **220th Steet Project** and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Andrew Lang-Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of these applicants.

Seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp and the same being put to a vote was duly carried. This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 5 Naves 0.

Dated this 4th day of November 2025.


Scott Windschitl
Chairman, Brown County

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
County of Brown

I, Sam Hansen, duly appointed, qualified and acting County Administrator for the County of Brown, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a Resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 4th day of November, 2025, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at New Ulm, Minnesota, this 4th day of November 2025.


Sam Hansen
County Administrator

Resolution No 2025-18
Brown County Resolution

Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Berg and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on November 4, 2025, at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, while national, state, and regional electrical demand has been historically stable or declining, recent trends in electrification, economic development, and technology demand have resulted in projected increase in electrical power needs; and

WHEREAS, reliance on carbon free-based energy production continues to increase and dependence on traditional fossil fuel-based energy production continues to decrease, despite significant concern over reliable baseline and peak demand energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard statute was amended to include adding a carbon-free standard that requires electric utilities to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, leading the nation with such an ambitious goal; and

WHEREAS; nuclear energy is uniquely positioned to address America's energy challenges through generation of carbon-free electricity, with a record of over 70 years of safe operation and storage - all with significant federal and state oversight; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy already generates roughly half of Minnesota's current carbon-free electricity, with nuclear plants safely operating in Minnesota for over 50 years, providing decades of carbon-free affordable electricity for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of advanced nuclear technology offers enhanced safety features, flexibility in siting, and a smaller footprint, making them ideal for future energy needs; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three nations have now pledged to triple nuclear power by 2050, with America leading the charge, all while Minnesota -with a world-class engineering talent and manufacturing base - is the only state with an outright moratorium on all new nuclear reactor construction; and

WHEREAS, lifting this 30-year-old moratorium is the first step in securing the affordable, clean, and reliable energy Minnesotans needs, especially as the state undertakes its energy transition to meet the 100% carbon-free electricity goals while ensuring reliable baseload power; and

WHEREAS, under the umbrella of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA), a diverse coalition of Minnesota governments, businesses, utilities, labor unions, and environmental advocates is calling on state lawmakers to lift Minnesota's 30-year-old moratorium on new nuclear power development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners does hereby act to join the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) and actively support the repeal of Minnesota's moratorium on nuclear energy production to ensure safe, clean, and reliable baseload energy for all Minnesotans, especially as the State advances its 2040 goal for 100% carbon-free electricity generation.

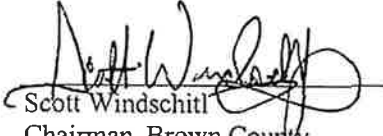
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Brown County Board of Commissioners urges the Minnesota Governor, State Legislature, and regulatory agencies to accelerate soonest reconsideration of the Minnesota moratorium, cognizant of advancements in available technology, increasing demand for reliable electrical power, and actions being taken by other states to located and support new nuclear power generation facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners respects Minnesota's Native American Community concerns regarding siting and operation of nuclear power facilities, and the safe storage of waste materials, and welcomes earnest consideration of Sherburne County for siting of such new nuclear power generation facility.

Seconded by Commissioner Veerkamp and the same being put to a vote was duly carried.
This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 3 Nays 2, with Commissioners Borchert and Windschitl opposed.

Dated this 4th day of November 2025.


Scott Windschitl
Chairman, Brown County

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State of Minnesota
County of Brown

I, Sam Hansen, duly appointed, qualified and acting County Administrator for the County of Brown, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a Resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 4th day of November, 2025, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at New Ulm, Minnesota, this 4th day of November 2025.


Sam Hansen
County Administrator

Resolution No 2025-19
Brown County Resolution

Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners Appointments

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on November 4, 2025, at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, Mike Carlson's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jay Mickelson's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025, the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that both Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned County Board of Commissioners hereby believe that Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson are qualified to act as Commissioners on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners and are both worthy of re-appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2026 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2029.

Seconded by Commissioner Berg and the same being put to a vote was duly carried.
This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0.
Dated this 4th day of November 2025.


Scott Windschitl
Chairman, Brown County

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Sam Hansen
County Administrator