

**Resolution No. 2019-10**  
**Brown County Resolution**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Windschitl and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2019 at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

**WHEREAS**, benefits to Brown County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

**WHEREAS**, any county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County Board has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, Brown County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year by posting on the county's website.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Brown County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the county.

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 25th day of June, 2019.

  
Chairman, Brown County



**CERTIFICATION**

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 25th day of June, 2019, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
County Administrator

# 2019 Performance Measures Report

## Brown County, Minnesota



### This Report Contains:

- Resolution 2019.10 – Authorizing Participation in the 2019 Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2019

Respectfully Submitted to the  
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor  
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## **Actual Results of 2019 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County (All reported results are for 2018, except where otherwise noted)**

***Executive Summary:*** The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2019 Performance Measure Program on June 25, 2019. Resolution 2019-10 adopted twelve benchmarks on which to measure output that includes the areas of Environment, Public Works, Property Records, Valuation, & Assessment, Elections, Budget & Financial, Veterans' Services, Public Safety, and Public Health & Social Services. The actual results of those performance measures are included in the following report.

### **Benchmark 1: Environment**

Recycling percentage:

- Actual Results: 66% of total waste in the county is recycled. Brown County continues to increase its recycling participation. Residents in municipalities have curbside recycling access, while rural residents have numerous collection points throughout the county.

*(Note: The state is making changes in their reporting system, and Brown County continues to work with the state to accurately report the recycling efforts.)*

### **Benchmark 2: Environment**

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected:

- Actual Results:           56,417 lbs. of hazardous waste (27% increase from 2017)  
                                  334,581 lbs. of electronic waste (53% reduction from 2017)

### **Benchmark 3: Public Works**

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: The average rating for the 145 bridges throughout the county improved to 92.8, on a scale of 100.

### **Benchmark 4: Public Works**

Hours to plow complete system during a snow event:

- Actual Results: On average it took 2-3 hours to clear driving lanes and another 2-3 hours to make a second pass to clear shoulders, depending on the amount of snow fall and ice.

### **Benchmark 5: Public Works**

Average county pavement condition rating:

- Actual Results: Average Pavement Condition was measured at 3.4 PQI by MnDOT in 2017, which falls into the good category. 18.5 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed in 2018.

### **Benchmark 6: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment**

Turn-around time for recording, indexing and returning real estate documents:

- Actual Results: MN Statutes 357.182, Subd 6 requires a 10-day turnaround time, 90% of the time. Brown County's practice is for electronically filed documents to be completed and returned within 5 business days or less and paper filed documents returned within 10 business days or less. Brown County was 100% compliant in 2018 averaging 8.36 days to return paper documents and 1.6 days to return electronically filed documents.

### **Benchmark 7: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment**

Level of Assessment Ratio:

- Actual Results: The three types of assessment ratios submitted to the Department of Revenue were:  
Ag: 98.88% | Residential: 92.34% | Commercial/Industrial: 89.12%

### **Benchmark 8: Elections**

Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately):

- Actual Results: Post election review by hand count of the cities of New Ulm Ward 1, Precinct 2 and Sleepy Eye Ward 2 indicated 100% accuracy in ballot counts, which was completed by precinct election judges and overseen by representatives of each political party.

### **Benchmark 9: Budget/Financial**

Bond rating:

- Actual Results: Standard & Poor's Global Ratings "AA". This rating was certified in 2017 at the time of bond issuance and remains unchanged.

### **Benchmark 10: Veterans' Services**

Dollars brought into the county for veterans' benefits:

- Actual Results: During 2018, Brown County veterans received \$13,800,000 in benefits.

*(Note: 2017 benefits was \$15,200,000. This data was not available at the time Brown County's 2018 performance measures report was submitted to the Office of the State Auditor.)*

### **Benchmark 11: Public Safety**

Total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury:

- Actual Results: 1 for 2017 – Fatalities are not finalized for 2018 until the third quarter of 2019 due to injuries that may have occurred in 2017 and resulted in a later death.
- Actual Results: There were 32 personal injury accidents in 2018.

## **Benchmark 12: Public Health**

### General life expectancy:

- Actual Results: Female life expectancy is 83 years and male life expectancy is 77.1 years, according to Census data. Using the USALEEP interactive tool released in 2018, Brown County's life expectancy is 81.26 years.

Public Health continues to work on health promotion and prevention with the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership and community organizations. Initiatives focused on promoting physical activity and improved healthy eating in various ways throughout the county, mental well-being in the community to try to reduce diseases of despair, and adherence to medically prescribed health care, annual physicals, and staying up to date on vaccinations. Public Health works with all ages and the entire county population to promote healthy physical and social/emotional lifestyles.