

**Resolution No. 2022-49**  
**Brown County Resolution**

**CONTINUATION OF ½ % COUNTY SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

**WHEREAS**, Brown County’s transportation infrastructure forms the backbone of the county’s economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the highway systems in Minnesota has failed to keep pace with growing population and growing demands; and

**WHEREAS**, a ½ % sales tax for transportation collected for Brown County will stay in Brown County; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 Minnesota State Legislature authorized a local option sales tax for transportation, (Chapter 152) (Minn. Statute. Section 297A.993); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 Minnesota State Legislature authorized the removal of the requirement for holding a referendum in order to impose the tax (Chapter 117, Article 3, Section 25); and

**WHEREAS**, **Chapter** 117, Article 3, Section 26, Subd. 2 of the 2013 Session Laws further requires that the proceeds of the tax must be dedicated exclusively to payment of the capital cost of specific transportation projects designated by the County Board, and that the tax must terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County Board of Commissioners implemented such a sales tax in the second quarter of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County Board of Commissioners have used County Local Option Sale Tax for Transportation Funds for surface rehabilitation projects on County State Aid Highways (CSAH) 13, 20 and 29 with additional scheduled projects on CSAH 20 and 27; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County Board of Commissioners desire to continue such a sales tax for additional projects after these projects are completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the County’s 2023 – 2032 Ten Year Road & Bridge Construction Program identified \$25,800,000 in program funding need for the County Local Option Sale Tax for Transportation Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown County Board of Commissioners has designated the following projects for funding by the County Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation:

- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 20 from CSAH 13 to TH 15 in 2023 \$1,150,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 20 from CSAH 8 to TH 4 in 2023 \$1,500,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 24 from CSAH 13 to TH 15 & in Searles in 2023 \$1,250,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 27 from TH 14 to CSAH 11 in 2024 \$2,000,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 2 from CSAH 23 to TH 14 in 2025 \$1,050,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 23 from CSAH 2 to CSAH 3 in 2025 \$ 850,000

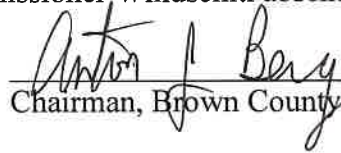
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 2 from South County Line to CSAH 23 in 2026 \$2,450,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CR 102 from CSAH 13 to TH 15 in 2026 \$ 750,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 29 from TH 68 to TH 4 in 2028 \$3,800,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 10 from CSAH 24 to CSAH 27 in 2030 \$1,300,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 27 from CSAH 8 to TH 14 in 2030 \$1,200,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 27 from CSAH 11 to New Ulm in 2030 \$1,900,000
- Shoulder widen/regrade on CSAH 5 from South County Line to 175<sup>th</sup> Street in 2031 \$2,700,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 5 from South County Line to CSAH 24 in 2032 \$3,000,000
- Surface rehabilitation on CSAH 11 from CSAH 22 to CSAH 24 in 2032 \$ 900,000

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Brown County Board of Commissioners authorizes the continuation of a ½ % sales tax as provided for in Minnesota State Statute until sufficient funds are available to construct the fifteen projects identified.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 297A.99, subdivisions 4, and 6 thru 13 shall govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax.

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 4 Nays 0 (Commissioner Windschitl absent).  
Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.


  
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 20th day of December, 2022, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

  
County Administrator