

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING
November 3, 2009

Members present: Seeboth, Berg, Dove, Lochner, and Potter along with County Administrator Enter and County Attorney Hinnenthal.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to accept the Minutes of 10-27-09 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to schedule a Closed Session for labor negotiation strategy planning to be held in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN at approximately 10:00 AM this date 11-3-09 for the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (LELS) Locals #94 and #98 and for the two (2) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Units (Courthouse and Highway) pursuant to MS 13D.03, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to approve to obtain a business credit card for the Recorder's Office with a maximum credit line of \$1,000, carried.

M/Dove, S/Lochner, to approve moving the Juvenile Work Crew Leader position from 1,360 hours to 1,040 hours effective 1-1-10, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to authorize the payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$74,036.71, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to approve the request to change the date of switching from FT to Intermittent PT for Terri Helland from 11-13-09 to 11-25-09, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve Res. No. 2009-23 providing the authority to allow amendments to the Brown County Medical and Dependent Care Reimbursement Plan by making available to Eligible Employees the Optional AFLAC Cancer, Intensive Care, and Accident policy on a pre-tax basis effective 1-1-10, carried.

M/Potter, S/Lochner, to approve the appointment of Anne Grunert to the FT Deputy Assessor position at the annual salary of \$40,279 (Grade XIV, Entry) with a projected start date of 1-2-10 and authorize filling the vacated Sr. Appraiser position according to contract/policy, carried.

M/Potter, S/Lochner, to approve the appointment of Marvin Braun as a Regular PT Bus Driver for the Family Services Dept. at the hourly rate of \$13.0613 (Grade VIII, Entry) contingent on passage of the pre-placement DOT physical and driving background check, and with a projected start date of 11-16-09, carried.

M/Dove, S/Berg, to authorize the Rima family to place a marker in honor of David Leroy Rima in the Iberia Cemetery subject to review and approval by the Brown Co. Historical Society Director, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to approve the Abatement Application by Charles Henle on Parcel #190.006.001.01.010 for property located in Milford Township to adjust the estimated market value based on a reduction of thirteen (13) acres to include 6.5 acres of wasteland and 6.5 acres of woodland for payable 2010, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to approve the adjustment of nine (9) parcels located on the JD #17 R&B that have a new buffer strip as of redetermination in 2008 to be the same value as Perpetual RIM for pay 2010 tax, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to approve the Abatement Request by Ronald & Diane Gent on Parcel #002.240.003.05.050 to adjust the taxes payable in 2010 relative to the correction of square footage of his house and garage, carried.

At 10:10 AM, Chairman Seeboth convened a Closed Session for Labor Negotiation Strategy Planning, pursuant to M.S.13D.03, for the LELS, Inc. Locals #94 and #98 Sheriff's Dept. Collective Bargaining Units; and for the AFSCME Courthouse and Highway Collective Bargaining Units. This session was attended by Commissioners Seeboth, Berg, Dove, Lochner, and Potter, along with County Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hinnenthal, Sheriff Hoffmann, Highway Engineer Stevens, Personnel Director

Crabtree, and Attorney Frank Madden via telephone at 10:10 AM. The Closed Session adjourned at 10:52 AM.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to reduce the Lake Hanska County Park PT Maintenance Worker position work hours to an average of thirty-two hours per week and not to exceed 960 hours per year (thirty weeks at average of 32 hrs/wk) effective in 2010, carried.

At 10:55 AM, the County Board considered call-back items in the 2010 county budget preparation process. By consensus, the County Board revised the Probation 01-251-263.6610 line item from \$14,460 to \$10,140 deleting two monitors, one laptop computer, and one office reconstruction from the draft 2010 county budget.

M/Dove, S/Potter, to delete a proposed Probation vehicle replacement in the amount of \$17,500 from the draft 2010 budget, carried, with Seeboth dissenting.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to delete the proposed eleventh Financial Worker position from the draft 2010 budget, carried, with Lochner and Seeboth dissenting.

By consensus, the County Board agreed to retain the following in the draft 2010 county budget: \$125,000 local levy funding of road construction projects for the County Highway Dept.; \$100,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund 37 for general capital costs for specific determination by the County Board at a future date; \$342,733 in the Contingency line item as a onetime levy-back of the un-allotted County Program Aid revenues that Brown County did not receive from the State of MN in Dec. 2008 and in 2009.

It was noted that the study of the Public Health Homemaker Program from a budget perspective is in progress.

The County Board considered the add-back of a third vehicle for the Sheriff's Dept. and by consensus decided to leave the item out of the draft 2010 county budget.

It was noted that the County Board will soon receive a report from Trane Services concerning a proposed Energy Efficiency Improvement Project which would include a major Courthouse cooling system upgrade and an electrical lighting upgrade in all county offices that is estimated to cost \$1,274,440 and would include energy savings currently estimated at \$50,000 per year.

The County Board also reviewed the proposed appropriations to twenty-one (21) organizations in the total amount of \$347,344 in the draft 2010 county budget, and by consensus, no changes were made to the appropriations list.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-7 were accepted and filed.

Berg reported on EMS, Regional Radio Board, and the Bridging Brown County (BBC) Congress on 10-30-09; Lochner reported on the AMC District 7 meeting and on BBC Congress; and Dove reported on BCEDP, Inc. and on the Three Rivers RC&D meeting on 11-2-09.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Seeboth adjourned the Meeting at 11:55 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2009 are on file in the County Administrator's Office and may be viewed during normal business hours, M-F, 8AM-5PM. Correspondence and requests for additional information may be directed to the County Administrator's E-Mail Address: cntyadm@co.brown.mn.us Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us