

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING
November 17, 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 11-3-09 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 11:30 AM this date 11-17-09 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/Potter, S/Dove, to authorize the payment General Government claims in the amount of \$77,194.84, carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to authorize eight (8) Drainage Ditch Repair requests, carried.

M/Berg, S/Seeboth, to accept and file the report of Auditor/Treasurer Helget who noted that the JD#10 B&BE Joint County Drainage Authority is scheduled to meet at 1:30 PM this date in the Brown County Courthouse Room 204, New Ulm, MN in an effort to resolve the JD#10 B&BE Bridge #23 (Finstad) issue, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve Brown Public Health participation in the North Central Public Health Leadership Institute in 2010 that will provide advanced leadership training for state and local public health officials in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, with the understanding there is no fee for the program, but participants will be responsible for some expenses, including books, travel, and lodging for the in-person sessions, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to accept and file the following Public Health Update: Statewide Health Improvement Project (SHIP); Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Campaign; H1N1 Novel Influenza; Performance Improvement Plan; and Staff Changes, carried.

M/Dove, S/Berg, to approve the revised Juvenile Drug Court budget for 2010 in the revenue amount of \$75,310 and expense amount of \$67,160, carried, with Lochner dissenting.

The County Board congratulated the Brown County Teen Court Program for receiving the MN Corrections Association President's Award.

M/Dove, S/Lochner, to approve the revised fee schedule set by Probation/Court for 2010 per state statute to allow probation fees to be charged to cover costs associated with probation services, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to accept the carpet quote received from New Ulm Furniture in the total amount of \$525.19; and the quote for a computer desk in the state contract amount of \$985.60, for a total amount of \$1,510.79 to reduce safety concerns at the Probation Office, with funding for this project to come from probation offender fees, carried. Additional carpet quotes were received from the following: Treats Home Center; and Retzlaff's Floors & More.

M/Dove, S/Berg, to approve the purchase of a HP ProBook 4710 Notebook PC (includes 5 year warranty and larger screen) in the state contract amount of \$1,480.81 (includes sales tax) with funding provided for this purchase by Juvenile Drug Court funds, carried, with Lochner dissenting. An additional state contract quote was received for a Dell Latitude e6400 laptop w/5 year warranty.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to approve the Preliminary Plat #P-00107 single lot split by Paul Haala, Personal Rep for Wilbert & Angeline Haala known as Haala Eighth Subdivision on property described as part of the SE4 of SW4, Sec. 36-T109N-R31W, Sigel Township, Brown County. Property being platted is an existing farm site. Owners would like to separate the building site from the tillable land, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Seeboth, to approve the Final Plat single lot split by Dennis Sellner for James Riebel Estate known as Riebel First Subdivision, on property described as part of the NW4 of NW4, Sec. 35–T110N–R33W, Prairieville Township, Brown County, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to schedule a Public Hearing to be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission for 9:00 AM on Monday 12-14-09 with regard to revisions of the Wetland and Septic Section(s) in the Brown County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Brown County Planning Commission and as required by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to approve the appointment of Melissa Hoffmann to the FT MCH Universal Contact PHN position at the annual salary of \$44,590 (Grade XVI, Entry) and with a projected start date of 11-30-09 and authorize posting the vacated Regular PT MCH RN/PHN (24–36 hours) position according to policy, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve posting the Regular PT (20 hrs/wk) Juvenile Crew Leader position internal/external simultaneously, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to approve the appointment of Doug Hughes as the FT Correctional Officer Sergeant at the annual salary of \$41,911 (Grade XI, Step 5 + 4.5%) being effective 11-27-09, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to approve changes in the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy to clarify the policy and add recent changes to FMLA under the National Defense Authorization Act (Military Caregiver Leave; and Qualifying exigency) effective immediately, carried.

By consensus the Board approved planning/preparation for the 2010 Employee Recognition Day to proceed with an evening banquet format as in previous years.

At 10:30 AM, Ralph Stadick, area agricultural landowner, along with approximately eleven (11) citizens joined the proceedings to request the County Board to reconsider the 2010 agreement that does not include the contracted services from the University of Minnesota to provide a 0.5 FTE Agricultural Local Extension Educator. Ralph Stadick, Fred Juni, Greg Bartz, Steve Commerford, Bill Gluth, Dean Simonsen, Richard Wurtzberger, Harley Vogel, and Randy Krzmarzick noted various benefits of considering the reinstatement of the current 0.5 FTE Agriculture Local Extension Educator contracted services for 2010. It was also noted that over-all county budget concerns due to funding reductions from the State of Minnesota and state levy limit legislation, along with general wide-spread economic concerns have resulted in significant challenges in balancing the draft 2010 county budget. After lengthy discussion, M/Dove, S/Seeboth, to reinstate the 0.5 FTE Agricultural Local Extension Educator position contracted services from the University of Minnesota in the amount of \$41,700 in 2010, motion failed with Potter, Lochner, Berg, and Seeboth dissenting.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to acknowledge receipt of two (2) Whelen Liberty Lightbars that the Brown County Sheriff's Office was awarded from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety for their participation in the Safe and Sober Program, carried. It should be noted the value of the two Lightbars is approximately \$3,000.

At 11:20 AM, Chairman Seeboth recessed the Regular Meeting so the County Board could participate in an outside informational demonstration/review of a newly outfitted squad and equipment (Digital Ally DVM-750 in-car camera system; Whelen Howler siren; Digital Ally's DVM-750 Digital In-Car Video System; and Whelen Liberty Lightbar) in the LEC parking lot.

At 11:36 AM, Chairman Seeboth reconvened the Regular Meeting.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to authorize the payment of Family Services claims in the amount of \$107,080.14, carried.

At 11:37 AM, Chairman Seeboth convened a Closed Session to consider Social Services Payments, whereupon M/Lochner, S/Potter, to authorize the payment of Social

Services payments in the amount of \$252,085.55, carried. The Closed Session ended at 11:42 AM.

M/Dove, S/Lochner, to accept and file the following Highway Department Monthly Update: 2009 Construction Projects Update; Maintenance Projects Update, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Brown County and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local No. 98 related to a 10-hour shift for Dispatchers, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to accept and file the January-October 2009 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 83.3% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$21,108,068.24 or 76.8%, and revenues of \$18,328,998.32 or 67.2%; and the October 2009 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$1,237,809.49 or 77.1%, and revenues of \$1,049,138.38 or 61.4% of annual budgeted activity, carried.

By consensus, the Board accepted the proposed 2010 budget and levy information (to be revised relative to the Juvenile Drug Court budget request this date) for presentation at the public hearing scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday 12-1-09 in the District Courtroom of the Brown County Courthouse.

At 11:59 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 Department 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, and Personnel Director Crabtree. The Closed Session adjourned at 12:15 PM.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to support the efforts of the Brown County Citizen's Committee to form a Brown County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee with the goal to engage a diverse group of local citizens and organizations to provide support to past and present service members and their families, carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to accept a donation in the amount of \$115.00 from The Larson Allen firm of Certified Public Accountants to the Brown County Veterans Service Office for disbursement through the Emergency Food & Shelter account, carried.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-9 were accepted and filed.

Berg & Dove reported on the MVAC meeting on 11-16-09; Lochner reported on Area II, Detox, and SCHA matters; and Dove reported on the Minnesota River Board.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Seeboth adjourned the Meeting at 1:10 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 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