

**SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 5, 2010**

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

At 8:45 AM, the Board of Brown County Commissioners met for the purpose of organizing the County Board for 2010 through the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Upon nomination by Berg and seconded by Dove, M/Dove, S/Lochner to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Seeboth as Board Chair of the Brown County Board of Commissioners for 2010, carried.

Upon nomination by Lochner and seconded by Seeboth, M/Lochner, S/Dove, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Berg as Board Vice-Chair of the Brown County Board of Commissioners for 2010, carried.

M/Berg, S/Lochner, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order with the three (3) additional stipulations listed, carried.

At 9:00 AM, M/Berg, S/Lochner, to accept the Minutes of 12-22-09 as amended and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same as amended; and to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 12-31-09 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, 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 11:15 AM this date 1-5-10 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/Berg, to approve the PACT Agreement with Trane for the Facility Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency Improvement Project – Trane Contract No. S343960 and authorize the Notice to Proceed, carried.

M/Berg, S/Lochner, to authorize the payment of final 2009 General Government claims in the amount of \$190,549.92, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to accept and file the 2009 Interest Income Distribution Report which noted the distribution of the 2009 interest income in the amount of \$396,814.83 to the following county funds: Road and Bridge \$47,409.95; Family Services \$62,791.98; Nursing \$10,960.43; Building Fund \$1,026.95; Building Fund-Eternal Flame \$124.31; Park \$3,564.38; E-911 \$8,229.94; Capital Improvement \$8,725.78; Ditch \$17,404.05; Landfill: \$63,017.12 and Landfill Trust \$54,326.38; and Revenue \$119,233.56, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to approve the 2009 Audit Agreement between Brown County and the MN State Auditor's Office for the Brown County audit for the year ended 12-31-09 pursuant to MS 6.48, and authorize the Chair, Administrator, and Auditor-Treasurer to sign said agreement, carried.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-8 were accepted and filed.

Berg reported on the Enterprise North meeting on 1-4-10; and Dove reported on the Drug Court graduation on 1-4-10.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to approve the amendment to the 2010 Public Transit Participation Program Grant Contract to include \$64,000 in the Capital Vehicle Section of the Operating Budget if the MN/DOT Office of Transit gives the approval to obtain ARRA/stimulus funding for bus purchases at 100% in 2010, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to accept and file the report on MRCI activities as provided by Charles Guggisberg, the County Board's Representative to MRCI, carried.

M/Dove, S/Berg, to accept and file the Local Public Health Association of MN Legislative Priorities representing local Public Health concerns for the 2010 Legislative Session for presentation to Senator Frederickson and Representative Torkelson, carried.

M/Berg, S/Lochner, to approve the State of MN Grant Contract with the Dept. of Natural Resources CFMS Contract #B36073 for a two (2) year Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$2,381 for 7-1-09 thru 6-30-10; and in the amount of \$2,381 for 7-1-10 thru 6-30-11; for a total amount of \$4,762, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to declare a DWI forfeiture vehicle (1999 Ford Windstar van with 145,000 miles) as excess property for resale; and authorize the Sheriff's Office to sell the vehicle on the MN Bids website which is run by the State of MN, carried.

At 10:10 AM, bids as received were presented for the Local ARMER (Allied Radio Matrix Emergency Response) participation plan that is necessary for a county to migrate onto the ARMER system. M/Berg, S/Dove, to accept the Alpha-Wireless, North Mankato, MN bid in the amount of \$12,000 for completing the ARMER Participation Plan and up to \$18,000 additional (total project cost not to exceed \$30,000) for the following services as needed at the determination of Sheriff Hoffmann: unlimited use of simulator, unlimited revisions to Participation Plan, programming of subscriber equipment units, detail design and statement of requirements, existing equipment reuse plan, project management, baseline testing, and audio quality field testing; and with the condition that a certificate of insurance complying with the liability limits in MS 466.04 is provided by Alpha Wireless, carried. Additional bids for the Participation Plan were received from Elert & Associates, Stillwater, MN and from GeoComm, St. Cloud, MN.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to accept and file the Region V Emergency Management Directors' concerns on the proposed MN Disaster Assistance Reform Act and the request that purchases of equipment for Brown County's migration to ARMER Radio System should have a sales tax exemption for presentation to Senator Frederickson and Representative Torkelson as local emergency management concerns for the 2010 Legislative Session, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to accept and file information on the proposed MN Pollution Control Agency rule revisions, and on the Landfill Operators Group and Solid Waste Administrators Association's positions on the revisions for presentation to our local legislators, carried.

M/Berg, S/Lochner, to accept and file information on the concept of implementation of a statewide property tax system and concerning the need for tax system simplification for presentation to our local legislators, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to appoint Chloe Klinkner as District 2 representative on the Brown County Economic Development Partners, Inc. Board of Directors for the three year term ending 12-31-12, carried.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

M/Berg, S/Seeboth, to approve the status change of Part Time Dispatcher Louis Norell from Regular PT to Intermittent PT effective 1-8-10, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Seeboth, to approve the appointment of Jaclyn Nesvold to the FT Social Worker DD position at the annual salary of \$43,129 (Grade XIV, Step 2) with a projected start date of 3-8-10 and authorize posting the vacated position of Social Worker Intake position according to policy, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to accept the retirement of Patricia Krambeer, FT Office Manager for the Probation Dept. on 1-29-10 and authorize posting the position according to policy/contract, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to approve the appointment of Rayna Mensing as Temporary Family Facilitator (up to 40 hrs/week), at the hourly rate of \$19.3648 and with a projected start date of 1-13-10 to fill a vacated position due to a Family Leave, carried.

M/Berg, S/Dove, to approve the appointment of Susan Brandes to the FT Office Support Supervisor position at the annual salary of \$35,972 (Grade X, Step 4) with a projected start date of 1-25-10 and authorize posting the vacated IS/Office Support Specialist position according to policy, carried.

By consensus the County Board agreed to provide to our local legislators a report on the condition of the PERA Coordinated Plan and Police & Fire Plan as noted in the PERA newsletter dated Autumn 2009 and including information on alternative measures being considered by the PERA Board.

At 11:17 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 two (2) AFSCME Collective Bargaining Units (Courthouse and Highway). This session was attended by Commissioners Seeboth, Berg, Dove, and Lochner, along with County Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hinnenthal, Sheriff Hoffmann, Personnel Director Crabtree, and Attorney Frank Madden via telephone at 11:17 AM. The Closed Session adjourned at 11:33 AM.

There being no further business, Chairman Seeboth adjourned the Meeting at 11:33 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2010 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](mailto:cntyadm@co.brown.mn.us) Home Page Address: [www.co.brown.mn.us](http://www.co.brown.mn.us)