

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2010

Members present: Seeboth, Dove, Lochner, Potter (excused until 9:10 AM) and Berg (excused until 10:15 AM), along with Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hinnenthal, and Family Services Director Henderson. Lay Board Members Kuster and Mohr were excused.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to accept the Minutes of 1-19-10 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to accept and file the Adult Protection Program/Advisory Committee Report as presented by Brown County Adult Protection Team members, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to approve the Home and Community-Based Waiver Services assisted living contracts for the 2010 and 2011 contract years with the following service providers: Ridgeway on German/Ridgeway on 23rd; Comfrey Community Health Care Building, Inc. (Brickstone Manor); Prairie Senior Cottages; St. John Lutheran Home; Sleepy Eye Area Home Health (Countryside and Ross Park); Welcome Home Health Care, Inc. (Orchard Hills); and Oakview Apartments, carried.

M/Dove, S/Potter, to accept and file the 2009 Holiday Projects Report including Thanksgiving Project: New Hope Lutheran Church Youth Group-Comfrey; and Thrivent Financial Member Group; Christmas Projects: Sertoma Club Santa's Closet; Jaycees Christmas Baskets; Norwood Food Baskets; Adopt-A-Family; and Giving Tree Collaboration-BCFS; and Other Special Projects - Coats for Kids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Ulm; and noting 2009 Adopt-a-Family Project Donors and Other Special Projects in 2009, with the total value of contributions for all projects estimated at over \$54,350, carried.

M/Dove, S/Potter, to approve the following contracts to flow state and county grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and Brown County to Greater Minnesota Family Services (GMFS) as the provider of the services: 1) Grant Award Agreement (subject to the County Attorney's review and concurrence) and Certification between the MN DHS and Brown County to flow the state funding of \$58,845 for the grant year (2010); 2) Purchase of Service Agreement between GMFS and Brown County Family Services (BCFS) Fiscal Host for Family Group Decision Making Services for CY 2010 to flow the state and federal funding from BCFS to GMFS as the host county for the five counties of Brown, Blue Earth, Nicollet, Sibley and Watonwan; and 3) the Purchase of Service Agreement between GMFS and BCFS for Family Group Decision Making Services for CY 2010 to flow county-only funds of \$6,996.40 for CY2010 to supplement the state grant, carried.

M/Potter, S/Seeboth, to approve to begin paying the licensing cost for social workers in the agency who supervise students at the BA and MA levels when the student's school of attendance requires a licensed supervisor, with the estimated cost per year being \$125 per worker for up to two workers, carried.

M/Potter, S/Lochner, to accept and file the Social Service Case Actions Listing for the period 12-1-09 thru 12-31-09, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to approve the Rental Contract for the Springfield Area Community Center Multi Room for use twice a month for two hours each time accepting the rate increase from \$80/month to \$100/month, carried. It should be noted that there is about a 50% reimbursement for this cost from federal funds.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve the Home and Community-Based Waiver Services Contract Addendum with Lutheran Social Service to add two services (Companion Services and Transportation, Mileage) to the 7-1-09 thru 6-30-11 contract, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to accept the following Family Services Correspondence Items #1 thru #3 and Family Services Consent Agenda Items #1 thru #9, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Berg, to accept the resignation of Gwen Nesburg as Intermittent PHN for the Public Health Dept. effective 1-31-10, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to approve the 2010 Salary Range Schedule adjustment to add Grade XXII due to the results in the 2009 Rotational Review process, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Dove, to accept and file the following Highway Dept. Monthly Update: 2010 Construction Projects Plan Update; Maintenance Projects Update, carried.

At 11:05 AM, State Senator Dennis Frederickson met with the County Board and various department heads to discuss pending legislative issues including: Continued state revenue short-fall and pending state actions to address the need to re-balance the state budget; The capital investment bonding bill to be considered by the legislature; the Association of Minnesota Counties "Minnesota Redesign" project pursuing positive outcomes through flexibility, transparency, and efficiency in state and local government; Public Health issues; Family Services issues & South Country Health Alliance (SCHA); Concept of Statewide Tax Software System; MN Tax System simplification; PERA Recommendations and history; Transportation concerns; Probation Agent funding; Soldiers Rest legislative history; Request Sales Tax Exemption for ARMER system equipment purchases; Proposed MN Disaster Assistance Reform Act; MPCA's proposed Financial Assurance and Siting (FASIT) Rule revisions; Area II funding; and over-all concern of cost shifts to local units of government. After considerable discussion, Chairman Seeboth thanked Senator Frederickson for attending the County Board meeting to review county legislative concerns.

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

Lochner reported on the SCHA meeting on 1-25-10; Potter reported on the recent Clean Water Partnership meeting; and Berg & Seeboth reported on the pre-construction meeting held by Trane on 1-21-10.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Seeboth adjourned the Meeting at 12:06 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 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 Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us