

# SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2012

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

At 8:45 AM, the Board of Brown County Commissioners met for the purpose of organizing the County Board for 2012 through the election of Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair.

Upon a call for nominations for the position of County Board Chair for 2012, Seeboth nominated Berg. M/Lochner, S/Potter, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Berg as Board Chair of the Brown County Board of Commissioners for 2012, carried.

Upon nomination by Lochner and seconded by Seeboth, M/Seeboth, S/Windschitl, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Potter as Board Vice-Chair of the Brown County Board of Commissioners for 2012, carried.

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

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to accept the Minutes of 12-27-2011 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same, carried.

M/Lochner, 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 11:10 AM this date 1-3-2012 for the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (LELS) Locals #94 and #98, and for the AFSCME Courthouse and Highway Collective Bargaining Units pursuant to MS 13D.03, carried.

At 9:03 AM, State Senator Gary Dahms and State Representative Paul Torkelson met with the County Board and various department heads to discuss pending legislative issues including: Road & Bridge funding and weight restriction concerns; Probation funding support to counties and request for relief of certain mandated training requirements for probation agents; Public Health issues; County Assessor items; Family Services issues & SCHA (South Country Health Alliance); Possible state funding request for 2010-2011 flood damage expenses; Resolution of support for the Minnesota Accountable Government, Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act; Over-all concern of cost shifts to local units of government; Request for sales tax exemption for ARMER system equipment purchases; The pending redistricting decision by the courts which is due on 2-21-2012; Juvenile detention temporary hold and transport concerns; Detox; The need to simplify rules and permitting related to tiling/drainage in the agricultural area; and prosecuting attorney safety concerns. Chairman Berg thanked Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson for attending the County Board meeting to review county legislative concerns. M/Seeboth, S/Lochner, to accept and file the report made to State Senator Gary Dahms and State Representative Paul Torkelson on county issues for legislative consideration, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to schedule an informational meeting on the county ditch re-determination of benefits process on Friday 2-17-2012 at 1:00 PM at the Eagles Club Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye, MN; and to approve the Professional Service Agreement for Consulting Services for Re-Determination of Ditch Benefits with Ron Ringquist to serve as the Head Viewer for the three (3) drainage systems chosen for re-determination of benefits in 2012, carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to approve and authorize A/T Helget to sign the Synergy Graphics Election Services Agreement for certain election-related services from Synergy Graphics for use in Brown County, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Windschitl, to authorize the payment of General Government claims in the amended amount of \$145,611.48, carried.

M/Potter, S/Seeboth, to approve the designation of Alliance Bank, Americana Bank, United Prairie Bank, and Citizens Bank Minnesota as depositories of public funds, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Windschitl, to approve the Agreement between the Office of the State Auditor and Brown County for audit services to be provided by the State Auditor's Office for the year ended 12-31-2011, with the understanding that the County Board will have an agenda item at a future meeting to consider a request to the State Auditor for authority to have the annual audit for Brown County to be performed by a private sector auditing firm, carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to declare certain items as surplus and authorize the Sheriff's Office to sell these items on the MN Bids website which is run by the State of MN, carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Berg, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the State of MN Joint Powers Agreement Contract No. %39937 allowing STS to bundle and sell wood to Fort Ridgely State Park, carried.

M/Lochner, S/Potter, to approve and authorize posting for a .5 FTE PHN/RN position in the Public Health Dept. to meet the needs of the SCHA SNBC (Special Needs Basic Care) expansion responsibility with the understanding that county staffing costs for implementing SNBC will be billed to SCHA, carried.

M/Potter, S/Windschitl, to approve a Certificate of Recognition for Larissa Leshovsky who served as a Youth Representative on the Brown County Public Health Advisory Committee from Feb. 2010 thru Dec. 2011; and a Certificate of Recognition for Kim Giesen, who served as a Registered Nurse Representative on the Brown County Public Health Advisory Committee from Jan. 2005 thru Aug. 2011, carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to appoint Megan Olson-Cathedral student representative to the Public Health Advisory Committee, effective January 2012 through December 2013, carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Lochner, to approve Brown County Public Health to submit the "new" revalidation application and fee of \$543.00 required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) in order to continue to maintain Medicare certification and be able to continue to bill Medicare for services, carried.

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

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the MN Dept. of Administration Materials Management Division's Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) which makes state contract pricing for commodities and services in the Cooperative Purchasing Venture available to Brown County, carried.

At 11:12 AM, Chairman Berg convened a Closed Session for Labor Negotiation Strategy Planning, pursuant to M.S.13D.03, for the Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (LELS) #94 and #98, and for the AFSCME Courthouse and Highway Collective Bargaining Units. This session was attended by Commissioners Seeboth, Berg, Windschitl, Lochner, and Potter, along with County Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hinnenthal, Engineer Stevens, County Sheriff Hoffmann, and Personnel Director Tietel. The Closed Session adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-5 were accepted and filed.

Lochner reported on SCHA Board meeting of 12-29-2011.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Berg declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012 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: [cntyadmn@co.brown.mn.us](mailto:cntyadmn@co.brown.mn.us) Home Page Address: [www.co.brown.mn.us](http://www.co.brown.mn.us)