

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING January 6, 2015

On Tuesday, 1-6-2015, at 8:15 AM in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse located in New Ulm, MN, Fifth Judicial District Judge Robert Docherty administered the oath of office to Brown County Commissioners Dean Simonsen of District 4 and Dennis Potter of District 5, and to Brown County Recorder Betti Kamolz, Brown County Sheriff Rich Hoffmann, and Brown Soil and Water Conservation District 3 Supervisor Greg Roiger.

At 8:45 AM, the Board of Brown County Commissioners met for the purpose of organizing the County Board for 2015 through the election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Upon nomination by Berg and seconded by Potter, M/Seeboth, S/Potter to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Windschitl as County Board Chair for 2015, carried.

Upon nomination by Berg and seconded by Potter, M/Potter, S/Windschitl to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Seeboth as County Board Vice-Chair for 2015, carried.

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

At 9:00 AM, Members present: Seeboth, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, and Potter, along with County Administrator Enter. County Attorney Hanson was excused.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to accept the Minutes of 12-23-2014 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$672,928.24 as follows: Revenue \$99,489.44; Public Health \$2,516.13; Road and Bridge \$31,800.82; Family Services \$453.59; Park \$221.00; Ditch \$79,957.74; Landfill \$392,371.06; Mortgage Registry Tax \$22,737.12; Assurance \$42.00; State Deed Tax \$43,339.34; carried.

M/Potter, S/Windschitl, and passed 5-0 the Resolution 2015-01 to approve the appointment of Suzanne Jensen as the County Driver's License Agent and Deputy Registrar.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to receive and order filed the Auditor/Treasurer's Office report on the distribution of the 2014 interest income in the amount of \$290,092.03 to the major funds of the county based upon average fund balance; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve the 2015 Investment Policy and Internal Controls for the management of Brown County's investment portfolio; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to approve the designation of Alliance Bank New Ulm, Americana Bank Sleepy Eye, Bank Midwest New Ulm, Citizens Bank Minnesota, F & M Bank Springfield, First Security Bank Sleepy Eye, Frandsen Bank New Ulm, South Point Federal Credit Union Sleepy Eye, United Prairie Bank New Ulm, and Wells Fargo New Ulm as depositories of public funds for a two-year period commencing 1-1-2015; and noting brokers as follows: PFM and Wells Fargo Investments; carried.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve two Drainage Ditch repair requests; carried.

M/Potter, S/Seeboth, to approve Scott's Helicopter Services to aerial spray all Brown County drainage ditches in 2015 in the amount of \$28.50/acre with the condition that aerial spraying must be completed by 7-31-2015; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to approve the payment of \$14,560 to Landwehr Construction, Inc. for the CSAH 13 Camels Back Bridge debris removal project; carried.

M/Potter, S/Seeboth, to approve the payment of \$24,900 to Landwehr Construction, Inc. for the Franklin Bridge debris removal project; carried.

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

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to nominate Commissioner Seeboth and Highway Engineer Stevens to the MnDOT Special Task Force to identify and prioritize needs on Highway 14 in the New Ulm area; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to hire Madsen Surveying for professional services in the amount of \$76,302 for the 2015 Eden, North Eden, Prairieville, Leavenworth and Mulligan Townships Remonumentation Project in accordance with the Madsen Land Surveying Inc. proposal dated 12-19-2014 and to approve the Professional Survey Services Contract with Madsen Land Surveying accordingly; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve the rotational review with PAC in 2015 for the Housekeeper and Facility Assistant positions; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Windschitl, to ratify an unpaid medical leave of absence for employee #3650 beginning in 12-10-2014 and lasting approximately 30 days; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to authorize to post for an open FT Social Worker position according to policy; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to accept the resignation of Mike Furth, FT Human Resources Director effective 1-23-2015 and authorize to post the vacancy according to policy; carried.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-4 were accepted and filed.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.
There being no further business, Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 01-06-2015 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