

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2015

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

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to accept the Minutes of 9-1-2015 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$102,431.11 as follows: Revenue \$43,621.56; Public Health \$4,304.21; Road and Bridge \$8,925.88; Park \$640.00; Ditch \$30,907.85; Landfill \$13,334.61; SCORE \$497.00; Forfeited Tax Fund \$200.00; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to include a picture of the Brown County Veterans Memorial that is located on the courthouse grounds to be placed on the front page of the 2014 Financial Publication; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Seeboth, to set the Public Hearing for 9:00 AM on 10-6-2015 in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, Mn for consideration of the proposed ditch assessments for taxes payable in 2016; and to set the interest rate at 5.0% for county ditch system liens/assessments; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to accept the Petition for Partial Abandonment of Brown County Ditch #45 dated 8-28-2015 by Norman Krienke and to establish a public hearing date of Tuesday 10-6-2015 at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to accept and file the report on the Judicial Ditch Authority Teleconference for the JD#29 B&R petition of Larry Christensen held at 8:15 a.m. this date 9-15-2015 in the Brown County Courthouse Room 204 noting that Brown County Commissioners Simonsen, Potter, and Windschitl were present along with Redwood County Commissioners Wallin and Groebner participating in the meeting by telephone, whereby the JD#29 B&R Ditch Authority accepted the Petition of Larry Christensen dated 9-4-2015 to increase the width of his field approach in Section 5 of Prairieville Township to no less than 28 feet and include replacement of the culvert under said field approach, with all costs of said project paid by the petitioner; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to authorize obtaining quotes for consideration of the Drainage Repair request in CD#67 Branch 1 to replace approximately 1,500 feet of Branch 1 tile with 12 inch plastic tile including the crossing of the township road; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to approve the updated Five-Year Road and Bridge Construction Program for the Brown County Highway Dept.; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Berg, to suspend the rules to consider the concept suggested by MnDOT staff to install a round-about at the intersection of State Highway 4 and CSAH 29 to address safety issues; motion to suspend the rules passed.

M/Simonsen, S/Seeboth, to support the concept of the installation of a round-about at the intersection of State Highway 4 and CSAH 29 to address safety issues; and to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for said project; passed.

After review of the results of the Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation Informational Meetings recently held, M/Seeboth, S/Berg, to set a Public Hearing date of Tuesday 10-6-2015 at 9:30 AM in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN to receive public comments on the proposed Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation in accordance with MS 297A.993 and MS 291A.99; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between County of Brown and AFSCME Minnesota Council No. 65 Local 1204 County Highway Unit as pertains seasonal position entitled Traffic Sign Aide related to the Labor Agreement for the term of 1-1-2014 thru 12-31-2016; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to accept the resignation of Jason Melby, FT Correctional Officer, effective 9-20-2015 and authorize to post the vacancy of one (1) FT Correctional Officer according to policy; carried.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the Aug. 2015 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 66.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$21,029,483.03 or 71.6%, and revenues of \$19,632,501.55 or 67.0%; and the Aug. 2015 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$1,260,777.41 or 46.0%, and revenues of \$1,385,111.98 or 71.8% of annual budgeted activity; passed.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP) #C-00431 James & Cynthia Hillesheim, on property described as part of the NE4, Sec6-Twp108N-R33W, Mulligan Township for the purpose to allow expansion of existing feedlot from the current 135 AU up to a maximum of 437 AU (380 head of Slaughter Steer, 60 head of Feeders, and 75 head of calves) through construction of a proposed 84' X 120' cattle barn with 8 foot deep pit to house the additional 300 head of beef finishers, all located in the A-1 Agricultural/Shoreland Protection Zoning District, with eight (8) conditions; passed.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve CUP Application #C-00432 by Dean & Lori Schneider, Four Seasons Dairy owner, on property described as part of the NW4, Sec33-Twp108N-R31W, Sigel Township for the purpose to allow expansion of existing feedlot from the current 191 AU cattle up to a maximum of 500 AU (500 Head) through construction of a proposed 54' X 100' Mono-slope cattle barn in a cattle finishing operation located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District, with five (5) conditions; passed 4-1, with Seeboth dissenting.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to approve the State of MN Grant Contract (98784/3000083372) with Brown County, MN for Acquisition of At-Risk Property and Structures, and authorize the Board Chair to sign said agreement; carried.

After limited discussion, M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, and passed 5-0 whereby the County Board authorized the Board Chair to sign the Application, Commitment of Funds, Letter of Maintenance Statement, and Resolution No. 2015-27 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Sub-Grant Agreement with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the MN Dept. of Public Safety for the program entitled Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program for Presidential disaster declaration FEMA 4108.10-DR-MN thereby approving the use of FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds (75% FEMA Share) to acquire one (1) home along the Cottonwood River.

M/Seeboth, S/Potter, to approve the 2016-2017 MN Off-Highway (ATV) Grant Agreement No. 98886/3000083588 and 3000083681 effective 8-15-2015 through 6-30-2017 in the two-year total grant amount of \$11,432; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to approve payment of Family Services administrative claims in the amount of \$72,654.64; carried.

At 10:42 AM, Chairman Windschitl convened a Closed Session to consider Social Services Payments, whereupon M/Seeboth, S/Berg, to authorize the payment of Social Services payments in the amount of \$158,634.29; carried and the Closed Session ended at 11:02 AM.

Commissioners Windschitl and Seeboth, along with Family Services Director Henderson and Public Health Director Moritz, updated the County Board regarding the South Country Health Alliance.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to approve the recommendation to adopt a policy on Brown County Tobacco-Free and Electronic Delivery Device Environment; and to add said policy to the Brown County's Personnel Policy manual, effective 1-1-2016; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve the School Health Nursing Service Agreement with the Springfield School District #85 for the 2015-16 school year; carried.

M/Berg, S/Seeboth, to approve the conditional acceptance of the low bid from Schwickert's Tecta America, LLC, Mankato, MN for Base-Bid 2 – Roof Work Only in the amount of \$249,744.00 for the re-roofing of the Brown County Museum and authorize submittal of a state Legacy Grant application in the total estimated amount of \$291,744 with final acceptance subject to state Legacy Grant award for said re-roofing project; and to revise the Brown County match for said project to \$15,000; carried.

At 11:31 AM, County Administrator Enter presented the proposed 2016 Brown County budget, reporting that adjusted total draft 2016 budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$30,723,794 reflect an increase of 4.6% from the 2015 county budget of \$29,361,345. M/Berg, S/Potter, to establish the 2016 proposed property tax levy for certification to the County Auditor/Treasurer in the amount of \$12,370,644 which represents an increase of 4.5% over the total 2015 certified levy and is based upon a draft 2016 county budget of \$30,723,794; carried 5-0. It was further noted that the final 2016 budget and levy will be adopted by the County Board in December.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to schedule the public meeting on the proposed 2016 county budget and levy for 6:00 PM on Tuesday 12-1-2015 in the District Courtroom located on the 3rd floor of the Brown County Courthouse and to revise the start time of the 12-1-2015 regular County Board meeting to 4:30 PM instead of 9:00 AM; passed.

M/Simonsen, S/Seeboth, to approve Memorandum of Agreement between County of Brown and AFSCME Minnesota Council No. 65 Local 1204 Courthouse Unit as pertains work hours effective 1-1-2016; passed 4-1, with Berg dissenting.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-7 were accepted and filed. Seeboth reported on the recent Workforce Center meeting; the Brown County Evaluation Center meeting on 9-14-2015; and the Brown County Historical Society meeting on 9-14-2015. Berg reported on Enterprise North and the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance meeting on 9-11-2015. Windschitl reported on Drug Court. Potter reported on AREA II and on RCRC.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, and passed whereby Chairman Windschitl declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 09-15-2015 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: cntyadmn@co.brown.mn.us Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us