

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

December 20, 2016

Members present: Seeboth, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, and Potter (at 9:06 AM), along with County Administrator Enter and County Attorney Hanson. District 1 Commissioner-Elect Borchert and District 2 Commissioner-Elect Berg also were in attendance.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to accept the Minutes of 12-13-2016 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

At 9:01 AM, State Senator Gary Dahms and State Representative Paul Torkelson met with the County Board and seven (7) department heads to discuss pending legislative issues. Assoc. of MN Counties Policy Analysts Emily Pugh and Matt Hilgart also joined the proceedings. Topics discussed included: County Program Aid which provides local property tax relief; AMC 2017 Legislative Priorities; Transportation funding; Rural Transit funding and limited services compared to metro transit services; Highway 14 Improvement; Local Road Wetland Replacement Program; Public Health 2017 LPHA Legislative Priorities; SHIP (State Health Improvement Program) on-going program; Elections; Publication of Financial Statements; State General Tax issues; Support of 50% State Reimbursement for CPO Services and the shift of 5th Degree Controlled Substance (MS 154.024) from a felony level offense to a gross misdemeanor crime which adds to the county costs for probation services; Health and Human Services Finance Redesign; Mental Health System Improvements and Overhaul of Cost Shifts to Counties; Child Protection System Changes and related County Costs; MNSure administration concerns; Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) Funding; Implementation of Buffer Law and the need to extend the timetable, which will allow time to complete Redetermination of Benefits (ROB) for County Ditches and buffer installation in the ROB process; Regional Library Funding; Health insurance concerns. After considerable discussion, Chair Windschitl thanked Senator Dahms and Representative Torkelson for attending the County Board meeting to review county legislative concerns.

M/Simonsen, S/Windschitl, to approve eight (8) Drainage Repair requests and the payment of said repairs; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve the transfer of a DWI Forfeited 2005 Dodge Neon from the Sheriff Dept to the Planning & Zoning Dept for the internal transfer amount of \$300, with the funds distributed to the DWI Forfeiture Fund after all allowable expenses are deducted; and to approve the Sheriff's Dept request to retain the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria that was previously taken out of service, deemed surplus, and declared as excess property; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to approve the purchase of thirty (30) "Earth Machine" composters from Orbis Corp. in the amount of \$1,290 (\$43/each) and forty-five (45) "System" Rain Barrels in the amount of \$2,503.80 (\$55.64/each) using SCORE funds, understanding that Brown County Solid Waste/Water Planning will sell the composters for \$50/each and rain barrels for \$60/each to Brown County residents, which includes tax and additional costs of running the program; carried 5-0.

M/Seeboth, S/Berg, to approve payment of Family Services administrative claims in the amount of \$128,178.61; carried.

At 10:32 AM, Chairman Windschitl convened a Closed Session to consider Social Services Payments, whereupon M/Seeboth, S/Windschitl, to authorize the payment of Social Services payments in the amount of \$234,290.26; carried, and the Closed Session ended at 10:39 AM.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the Nov. 2016 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 91.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$27,501,706.04 or 91.6%, and revenues of \$29,278,710.48 or 101.8%; and the Nov. 2016 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$2,686,718.41 or 118.5%, and revenues of \$2,168,586.90 or 91.8% of annual budgeted activity; carried.

At 10:44 AM, the County Board considered the adoption of the 2017 County Budget and Levy. After considerable discussion, M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to adopt the certified levy for 2017 in the amount of \$12,652,553 resulting in a 3.25% increase from the 2016 certified levy; and to adopt the 2017 Brown County Budget for revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$36,770,922 resulting in a 22.4% increase from 2016; and instructed the County Administrator to both certify the adopted levy to the Brown County Auditor/Treasurer and submit the summary of the adopted 2017 Brown County Budget for publication; carried 3-2, with Berg and Potter dissenting. It should be noted that the over-all budget increase is significantly affected by the County Board's decision in discussions with the Highway Committee and County Engineer to include \$5 million in the 2017 county budget for highway construction projects in accordance with the updated Five Year Road & Bridge Construction Plan approved by the County Board on 11-30-16; \$5 million in 2017 county highway road construction expense will be funded by State Aid Bonding revenues to be received in early 2017; The \$5 million State Aid Bonding will be paid back with future state aid construction and maintenance funds so that the State Aid Bonding will not affect the county levy.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve the following 2017 Supplemental Budgets: Law Library Rev. & Exp. \$18,800; CoAtt – Forfeitures Rev. & Exp. \$5,000; Sheriff Contingent Rev. & Exp. \$5,838; Snowmobile Safety

Rev. & Exp. \$3,399; Jail Commission Rev. & Exp. \$9,000; 911 Emergency Tele. Rev. & Exp. \$106,972; Septic Loan Prog. Rev. & Exp. \$224,143; Building Fund Rev. \$331,262 & Exp. \$335,000; Ditch Fund Rev. & Exp. \$716,025; Landfill Fund Rev. \$1,065,988 & Exp. \$1,264,920; SCORE Rev. \$112,065 & Exp. \$109,947; carried 5-0.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to appoint Annette Olson to the Brown County Extension Committee representing Commissioner District 3 through 12-31-19; and to appoint Brian Tohal to the Brown County Board of Adjustment as the member from the P & Z Commission; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to approve the cancellation of the Fifth Judicial District Court and Brown County Probation Dept. Cooperative Agreement dated 6-16-15 for providing drug court coordinator services to the Brown/Nicollet/Watonwan adult drug court program, effective 2-15-17; carried.

M/Seeboth, S/Simonsen, to approve CUP Application #C-0029 by Garth Carlson on property described Honey Suckle Shores 1st Subdivision, Lot 3, Block 1, Out Lot A & B Section 19, Twp 108N, Range 31W, Lake Hanska Township, Brown County to allow a Seasonal Campground consisting of up to 25 total camping areas all located in the A-1 Ag Protection/Shoreland Zoning District with five (5) conditions; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to approve CUP Application #C-0037, by Jamie Pietig on property described as 5.23 acres of the W2 of the SW4, Sec. 5, Twp. 109N, Range 33W, Leavenworth Township, Brown County, MN to allow up to 744 AU (2480 Head) in a wean to finish swine operation through construction of a 268' X 80' total confinement barn with a 268' X 80' X 8' deep concrete pit below the barn, all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District, with eight (8) conditions; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve CUP Application #C-0038, by Jason Schroepfer on property described as 10 acres of the SE4 of the SE4 of Section 31, Twp. 110N, Range 32W, Home Township, Brown County, MN to allow retail sale of Diesel & Diesel Emission Fluid, all located in the I-1 Limited Industry Zoning District, with three (3) conditions; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve CUP Application #C-0034, by Peter Eichberger on property described as the N2, Sec. 7, Excepting the South 800' of the East 414.15' in the SE4 of NE4 of Said Sec. 7; all in Twp. 108N, Range 32W, Albin Township, Brown County MN to renew existing CUP C-00361 to continue to allow use for existing gravel mining to include gravel mining and extraction, crushing, and hot-mix plant, all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District with three (3) conditions; carried.

At 11:35 AM, Chairman Windschitl recessed the Regular meeting and the County Board meeting reconvened at 12:56 PM.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Ehlers and Associates, Inc. for bond issuance services related to the General Obligation State Aid Bonding process planned for 2017; carried 5-0.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve the Labor Agreement between County of Brown and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Local #98) Non-Licensed Essential Employees of the Brown County Sheriff's Department Collective Bargaining Unit for the term of 1-1-17 thru 12-31-19; carried.

At 1:40 PM, 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 1:47 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12-20-2016 are on file in the County Administrator's Office and may be viewed during normal business hours, M-F, 8AM-4:30PM. 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