

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2017

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

M/Potter, S/Berg, to accept the Minutes of 3-7-2017 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$112,783.36 as follows: Revenue \$64,815.24; Public Health \$9,900.91; Road and Bridge \$16,932.75; Family Services \$584.47; Park \$617.01; Ditch \$2,799.87; Landfill; \$14,980.11; SCORE Fund; \$2,153.00; carried.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve the dismissal of the Petition dated 2-2-17 to outlet into CD#28 by Patrick Sturm; carried.

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to accept and file the report on the JD#12 B&R Conference Call held at 8:15 AM this date 3-21-2017 in the Brown County Courthouse Room 204 noting that Brown County Commissioners Simonsen, Potter, and Windschitl were present along with Redwood County Commissioners Walling and Groebner participating in the meeting by telephone, whereby the JD#12 B&R Authority took the following actions: 1) Approved the minutes from the public hearing dated 3-7-2017; 2) Approved the Findings of Fact and Order noting that petitioner Bruce Moe was granted permission to outlet into JD#12 B&R; the benefits assigned to parcel 120.004.003.11.040 were determined by the viewers in the amount of \$3,270; the petitioner is required to pay an outlet fee of \$1,500 prior to commencement of any construction; and the petitioner is responsible for all costs incurred with this petition process; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to establish the date of 4-18-17 for public hearings on the following drainage systems whereby benefits have been redetermined as follows: CD#22 at 10:45 AM; CD#43 at 10:55 AM; CD#63 at 11:10 AM; and CD#29 & CD#29 Branch 1 at 11:30 AM; with said public hearings to be held in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN; carried.

M/Potter, S/Windschitl, to approve one (1) Drainage Repair request and payment of said repair; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to award the contract for seal coat oil to Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$341.00/ton for an estimated total amount of \$152,768.00; carried. Other bids were received from Jebro Inc. and MEIGS Paving Asphalts & Emulsions.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to accept the quote received from Red Rock Quarry for sites #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 in the amount of \$16.65/ton for an estimated 3,525 tons of seal coat aggregate and to accept the quote received from New Ulm Quartzite Quarries for site #1 in the amount of \$24.00/ton for an estimated 475 tons of seal coat aggregate for 2017 to seal coat approximately twenty-seven miles of county highway as part of normal maintenance; noting that the Brown County Highway Dept. will be hauling the material to each site; carried. An additional quote was received from SMC Sioux Rock Products.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to accept the bid received from River Ridge Construction in the amount of \$82,600 for the removal of debris snagged on the CSAH#8 Bridge over the Minnesota River; carried. An additional bid was received from Landwehr Construction.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to accept the resignation of Lynn Simonsen as Highway Engineering Aide – Seasonal Status, effective 1-5-17, and authorize to post a vacancy for a Highway Engineering Aide – Seasonal Status according to policy; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to appoint MacKenze Vogel as FT Correctional Officer at the hourly rate of \$18.3451 (annual \$38,158) Grade XI, Entry Level with the effective hire date to be determined pending results of pre-employment background checks; passed.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to accept and order filed the Feb. 2017 Monthly Report of Activity for the Brown County Sheriff's Dept.; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to authorize County Attorney Hanson and Court Administrator Weikle to enter in a Legal Services Contract for CHIPS Attorneys Michael Mountain and Elizabeth Weinandt from 1/1/17 through 12/31/17; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to accept and file the Brown County Historical Society report on the MN Historical Society Grant No. 1507-06827 to replace the slate roof of the Brown County Museum at 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN with said re-roofing project scheduled for this spring; and to approve the report on the process to pursue a grant application to the MN Historical and Cultural heritage (Legacy) program for a phased Masonry Project for the Brown County Museum likely for the 2019 state grant cycle; passed.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept the bid received in the amount of \$35,250.00 for the purchase of one (1) Ford Transit passenger van with additional safety features from Chuck Spaeth Ford to replace the existing Veterans Hospital Shuttle van; carried 5-0. Two (2) additional bids under state contract pricing were received; It was noted that the Chevrolet van did not include head restraints and reclining occupant seats as included in the Ford Transit van.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to approve the purchase of a graphics package for the new Brown County Veterans Services Van from Horejsi Graphics of New Ulm with a cost not to exceed \$2,500; passed 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve application for a Grant in the amount of \$5,000 through the Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund to supplement the purchase of the new Veterans Hospital Shuttle van; passed.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP) #C-0042 by Schwartz Farms Inc. on the property described as the East 355 feet of the South 622 feet of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 27, Township 108 N, Range 35 W, Stately Township, Brown County, MN to renew the existing CUP to allow up to 900 AU (3,000 Head) in a Hog Finishing Operation all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District, with eight (8) conditions; carried.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve CUP Application #C-0043 by Matt and Todd Green on the property described as Lot "A" and Part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, Township 111N, Range 33W, Eden Township, Brown County, MN, for the purpose to allow up to a maximum of 720 AU (2400 Head) in a hog finishing operation through construction of a 102' X 192' Total Confinement Hog Barn with a 102' X 192' X 8' Deep concrete pit, all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District, with eight (8) conditions; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to approve CUP Application #C-0045 by Steve and Kerry Hoffman on the property described as that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 21, Township 109 N, Range 30 W, Cottonwood Township, Brown County, MN, to allow an existing 205 AU feedlot to expand to a total of 389 AU in a dairy operation through construction of a 76' X 220' Cattle Barn all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District, with six (6) conditions; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve CUP Application #C-0044 by David and Joan Richert on the property described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, Township 108 N, Range 34 W, Bashaw Township, Brown County, MN, to renew and amend existing CUP #C-00251 to continue to allow use of an existing gun range for law enforcement for up to 6 times per year, and allow for retail sale of cabinets, furniture, and other woodworking products in a woodworking shop, all located in the A-1 Ag Protection Zoning District, with three (3) conditions; carried.

M/Potter, S/Windschitl, to approve Preliminary Plat P-0016 by Tom Haala known as Haala Acreage (4.86 acres) on the property described as Part of the NW 1/4, Section 27, Township 110 N, Range 31 W, Milford Township, Brown County, MN; Parcel being platted is an existing platted lot known as Goltz Fourth Subdivision that is being resized; carried.

M/Potter, S/Borchert, to approve the Contract with Independent Caretaker Maintenance Agreement with David Helget to serve as Park Caretaker for the 2017 park season (4-15-17 thru 10-15-17) for Tremml County Park in the amount of \$4,730 and mileage compensation from Tremml County Park to the Brown County Landfill for necessary park waste disposal at a rate of \$.535 per mile; and to approve the Contract with Independent Caretaker Maintenance Agreement with Gary Schenk to serve as Park Caretaker for the 2017 park season (4-15-17 thru 10-15-17) for Mound Creek County Park including winter monitoring (10-15-17 thru 4-15-17) for a total contract cost in the amount of \$10,988 and mileage compensation from Mound Creek County Park to the Brown County Landfill for necessary park waste disposal at a rate of \$.535 per mile; and to approve the Contract with Independent Caretaker Maintenance Agreement with Jeff Hoffmann to serve as Park Caretaker for the 2017 park season (4-15-17 thru 10-15-17) for Lost Dog & Fox Hunter's County Park in the amount of \$5,300 and mileage compensation from Lost Dog & Fox Hunter's County Park to the Brown County Landfill for necessary park waste disposal at a rate of \$.535 per mile; carried. It should be noted that the day-use park contracts include language and payment (\$20/day) for days the park is open beyond the normal park season of April 15 to October 15.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to accept the donation of a 2013 16 foot HHTR Enclosed Emergency Trailer from MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management Region V for use in responding to accidents that involve livestock; passed.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the report on the "One Watershed, One Plan" as a local water planning process by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) to replace existing County Water Planning based on county boundaries; passed.

M/Potter, S/Berg, approving Res No. 2017-05 Resolution To Support a Watonwan Watershed One Watershed, One Plan Project, which includes an application to BWSR for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Counties, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts within the Watonwan Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant; carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$110,473.05; carried.

At 11:05 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened a Closed Session to consider Social Services Payments, whereupon M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to authorize the payment of Social Services payments in the amount of \$243,603.13; carried, and the Closed Session ended at 11:33 AM.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the Feb. 2017 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 16.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$5,002,500.93 or 13.6%, and revenues of \$3,559,493.77 or 9.7%; and the Feb. 2017 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$295,503.27 or 10.6%, and revenues of \$138,960.37 or 5.3% of annual budgeted activity; passed.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-14 were accepted and filed. Borchert reported on the Human Services orientation, the Highway 14 Partnership Legislative meeting at the Capitol on 3-8-17, Evaluation Center, the Workforce Center meeting on 3-20-17, and the Ditch meeting on 3-14-17; Berg reported on the Human Services orientation meeting on 3-7-17 and on the Ditch Committee meeting on 3-20-17; Windschitl reported on the JD#12 B&R meeting, Safety Committee meeting, Brown County Historical Society, County Ditch

meeting, MN Valley Action Council, and Court Security Committee meeting; Simonsen reported on the Brown SWCD meeting on 3-15-17 and on the Wetlands meeting on 3-17-17, whereby Chairman Simonsen appointed Commissioner Potter and himself to serve as an ad hoc Wetlands Committee for study of a wetlands permit application and recommendation to the County Board; Potter reported on the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3-21-2017 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
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