

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 23, 2017

Members present: Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, and Simonsen, along with Lay Board Members Mohr and Kuster, County Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hanson, and Family Services Director Henderson. Potter was excused.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to accept the Minutes of 5-16-17 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept and file the Semi-Annual Report dated 5-23-17 on the South Country Health Alliance which noted 2016 Financial Results by Program and the 2017 SCHA Budget; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to include an amount of \$2,500 in the draft 2018 county budget, subject to final budget approval, as supplemental funding for the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Financial Counseling Service; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to approve Resolution 2017-18 authorizing the application for MN Housing and Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention & Assistance Program; carried 4-0 (Potter absent).

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to approve the purchase from Amazon.com of one (1) Canon PIXMA iP110 Wireless Mobile Printer in the amount of \$137.99, one (1) HP Laser Jet Enterprise M506X Printer in the amount of \$856.00, and one (1) HP LaserJet Enterprise M506n in the amount of \$412.75; and from CDW-G through state contract pricing of three (3) Microsoft Surface Pro 4 Laptops in the total amount of \$4,578.24 and one (1) Canon Image Formula Scanner in the amount of \$321.84; for an aggregate amount of \$6,306.82 noting that all purchases will be paid with DHS Child Protection Allocation Funds; carried 4-0. One additional bid was received for the HP Laser Jet Enterprise M506X Printer from CDW-G.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept and order filed the Brown County Local Advisory Council on Mental Health annual report on mental health services and the Bridge on Center 2016 Annual Report; carried.

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to accept and file the 2016 Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) Report; passed.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve the revised Agreement of the Joint Powers Board for the Three Counties For Kids Collaborative, which includes a name change from Brown County Family Services to Brown County Human Services and includes the Executive Director of Greater MN Family Services as an additional board member; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to approve Amendment #1 to the MN Dept. of Human Services Contract to Participate in the Local Collaborative Time Study, Contract #ONK%122765-F, noting that the amendment changes include removal of Section 5.8. Affirmative Action from this contract and the renumbering of Article 5 General Provisions; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$7,760.69; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to accept and file the following Consent Agenda Items: Compliment to Brown County MnCHOICES Professional and Paraprofessional Staff; Connections Homes Costs to the County; County Truancy Update; Mankato Free Press Article from May 14 on "Maltreatment Report Rise"; Out of Home Placement Report; Income Maintenance Report; Social Service Case Number Report and Heartland Express; carried.

At 10:59 AM, Lay Board Members Mohr and Kuster were excused.

At 11:05 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened the public hearings for the Consolidation of CD#25 and CD#25 Outlet, and for the CD#25 Redetermination of Benefits. The public hearings were attended by A/T Prochniak; County Engineer Stevens; Ditch Viewers Behrends and Christianson; and three (3) interested landowners of the ditch system. A/T Prochniak noted that the public hearings notice was published as required and that the Notice of Hearings was sent to all landowners of record. A/T Prochniak presented background information on the consolidation of CD#25 and CD#25 Outlet. Peter Windschitl & Tony Windschitl questioned the need for the consolidation of the two systems. It was noted that the outlet was extended in 1987 and the consolidation will update the public record. No other public testimony was received. After limited discussion, M/Berg, S/Windschitl, to approve the consolidation of CD#25 and CD#25 Outlet; and direct the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be considered at a following County Board meeting; passed 4-0.

Thereafter, the CD#25 Ditch Authority received the Engineer's Advisory Report dated 3-20-17. Viewer Behrends presented the Brown County CD#25 Information dated 5-23-17. It was noted that the Consolidation of CD#25 and CD#25 Outlet consists of approximately 38,610 feet of County tile providing drainage benefits to approximately 2,112 acres with the outlet located in Section 25 of Burnstown Township. There is no open ditch in CD#25. No public testimony was received. After limited discussion, M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept the Viewers' Report and the Engineer's Report; approve the County Ditch No. 25 Redetermination of Benefits which includes the consolidation of CD#25 and CD#25 Outlet; and direct the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be considered at a following County Board meeting; passed 4-0.

At 11:37 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened the CD#54 Redetermination of Benefits public hearing. The public hearing was attended by A/T Prochniak; County Engineer Stevens; Ditch Viewers Behrends and Christianson, and no landowners of the ditch system. A/T Prochniak noted that the public hearing notice was published as required and that the Notice of Hearing was sent to all landowners of record. The CD#54 Ditch Authority received the Engineer's Advisory Report dated 3-20-17. Viewer Christianson presented the Brown County CD#54 Information dated 5-23-2017. It was noted that CD#54 is a tile system of approximately 56,100 feet of County tile providing drainage benefits to 2,043 acres in Bashaw and Stately Townships. There is no open ditch in CD#54. No public testimony was received. After limited discussion, M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept the Viewers Report and the Engineer's Report; approve the County Ditch No. 54 Redetermination of Benefits; and direct the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be considered at a following County Board meeting, including noting the abandonment of Branch 2A, Branch 4A, and Branch 8; passed 4-0.

At 11:46 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened the CD#73 and CD#73 Outlet Redetermination of Benefits public hearings. The public hearings were attended by A/T Prochniak; County Engineer Stevens; Ditch Viewers Behrends and Christianson; and four (4) interested landowner of the ditch systems. A/T Prochniak noted that the public hearings notice was published as required and that the Notice of Hearings was sent to all landowners of record. The CD#73 and CD#73 Outlet Ditch Authority received the Engineer's Advisory Report dated 5-4-17. Viewer Christianson presented the CD#73 Outlet Viewers' Report and Property Owners Report dated 4-28-17. It was noted that CD#73 Outlet is a tile system of approximately 1,968 feet of County Outlet tile providing drainage benefits to 640 acres (including the private acres) in Albin and Lake Hanska Townships. Terry Wellmann suggested an alternative viewing application based on proximity to the private ditch rather than proximity to the outlet for the Redetermination of Benefits for the East Private Area. Viewer Christianson noted that the CD#73 Outlet Ditch Authority could adopt the redetermination of benefits as proposed or may adopt the alternative viewing application as proposed by Mr. Wellmann. After considerable discussion, M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to table consideration of the County Ditch No. 73 Outlet Redetermination of Benefits in order to allow time to apply the alternative viewing application for the Redetermination of Benefits, with the public hearing to be continued at 11:00 AM on 6-27-17 in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN; motion to table passed.

At 12:18 PM, Viewer Christianson presented the CD#73 Viewers' Report and Property Owners Report dated 4-28-17. It was noted that the new CD#73 is a tile system of approximately 10,970 feet of County tile providing drainage benefits to 819 acres in Albin Township. No public testimony was received. After limited discussion, M/Berg, S/Borchert, to accept the Viewers Report and the Engineer's Report; approve the County Ditch No. 73 Redetermination of Benefits; and direct the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be considered at a following County Board meeting; passed.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen to approve Brown County Resolution 2017-17 to participate in the Performance Measures Program for 2017; carried 4-0 (Potter absent).

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve three (3) Drainage Repair requests and the payment of said repairs; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to suspend the rules to consider a quote for weed spraying of county drainage ditches; passed.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept the quote received for aerial spraying for weed control in Brown County drainage ditches from Scott's Helicopter Services, LeSueur, MN in the amount of \$33.98/acre for 2017; carried. No other quotes were received.

M/Berg, S/Windschitl to approve Brown County Resolution 2017-15 in regards to the Repayment of State Aid Bond Funds dated May 18, 2017, in the amount of \$4,875,000.00 exclusively for the purpose of establishing, locating, relocating, constructing, reconstructing or improving its State-Aid Highways or Streets in accordance with Law; carried 4-0 (Potter absent).

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to approve Brown County Resolution 2017-16 supporting the State of MN and County of Brown Master Partnership Contract Number 1028023 with MnDOT; carried 4-0 (Potter absent).

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to approve the transition of Mary Ann Wonn from Restorative Justice Position to Probation Officer position, effective 7-1-17, to accommodate program adjustments within the Probation Dept.; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve the County Highway Dept. purchase and placement of two (2) road signs on County #16 and one (1) road sign on County #20 to provide official signage to direct visitors to the 1963 crash site of the six engine, turbojet-powered, USAF B-47 bomber from Lincoln Air Force Base, Nebraska, noting that the Brown County Veterans Council will provide \$1500 to purchase said signs; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept the quote from Kibble Equipment, Sleepy Eye, MN in the state contract amount of \$22,293.00 for the purchase of a John Deere 1023E Sub-Compact Utility Tractor with mower, 3-bag collection system, snow blower, rotary broom, and cab, with trade in of the 1997 John Deere 425 Lawn Tractor with attachments; carried 4-0. No additional quotes were received.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to approve the Year 2018 Budget Guidelines including a 2.0% salary plan adjustment for non-union employees for budgeting purposes, subject to final budget approval; carried.

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to approve County Board 2018 draft budget review dates from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Monday 8-21-17; Wednesday 8-23-17; and Thursday 8-24-17; carried.

At 1:00 PM, Correspondence C-1 thru C-9 were accepted and filed. Borchert reported on Sioux Trails Mental Health Center and on the Mass Dispensing exercise; Berg reported on two Building Committee meetings on May 16 and May 18, and on the Employee Recognition Banquet review meeting; Windschitl reported on the Wellness Committee meeting on 5-22-17; Simonsen reported on Sioux Trails Mental Health Center and on the Building Committee meetings.

At 1:15 PM, Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen declared the Meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 5-23-17 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: cntyadm@co.brown.mn.us Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us