

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 27, 2017

Members present: Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, and Potter, along with Lay Board Members Mohr and Kuster, County Administrator Enter, County Attorney Hanson (at 9:51 AM) and Assistant County Attorney Paul Gunderson (at 12:55 PM for County Attorney Hanson), and Human Services Director Henderson.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to accept the Minutes of 6-20-2017 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept and file the annual report on Heartland Express organizational structure and operations, and noting that MnDOT's rural transit program funds 80% of the equipment costs and 85% of the operational costs of the Heartland Express bus service, and the balance of the costs are covered by ridership fees; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to include an amount of \$950,000 in the draft 2018 county budget for out-of-home placement costs with an estimated \$180,000 in corresponding revenue, subject to final budget approval; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the Licensing Foster/Childcare Annual Report, which noted that there are currently ninety (90) licensed family child care providers in Brown County, along with twelve (12) licensed non-relative family foster homes and two (2) licensed relative foster homes, and twenty-nine (29) corporate adult foster care sites; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve the Supervised Visitation and Exchange Services Service Agreement with the Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. (CADA) in the amount of \$30/hr from 7/1/2017-12/31/2017; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to approve (1) one additional staff position to the aging services portion of the Adult Services Unit of Human Services with 92.5% offsetting revenue in the 2018 budget, subject to final budget approval; carried.

M/Potter, S/Simonsen, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$5,813.30; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to accept and file the following Correspondence: DHS letter stating another does not meet hospital level of care notice and Consent Agenda Items: Foster Family Shortage; Additional Mental Health Clinic for County; HS Legislative Session County Lobbyist "Thank You" to Counties; Tyler Systems Purchase; Conference Report; Income Maintenance Report; Out of Home Placement Monthly Report; Social Service Case Listings and Heartland Express Monthly Report; carried.

At 10:20 AM, Lay Board Members Mohr and Kuster were excused.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$239,746.49 as follows: Revenue \$116,551.83; Public Health \$16,336.29; Road and Bridge \$21,950.85; Family Services \$475.44; Building Fund \$5,950.00; Park \$2,681.42; Ditch \$34,335.13; Capital Improvement Fund \$12,870.00; Landfill \$14,050.15; Score Fund \$14,545.38; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to refer the request to include the cost of (1) one additional staff position in the financial area of the Auditor/Treasurer Dept. in the draft 2018 budget to the Board Chair and Vice-Chair for further study and recommendation, including succession planning; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, and passed 5-0, to approve the Consolidation of County Ditch No. 25 and County Ditch 25 Outlet Findings of Fact and Order whereby IT IS ORDERED as follows: 1. CD 25 and CD 25 Outlet are consolidated into the new drainage system known as CD 25. 2. The Ditch Viewers shall assign benefits based upon the watershed areas for the new CD 25. 3. The cost of the redetermination of benefits and the process to equalize the benefits shall be billed as described by the Brown County Auditor-Treasurer. 4. The appeal period will be thirty (30) days after this Order is signed and filed in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, and passed 5-0, to approve the County Ditch No. 25 Findings of Fact and Order for the Redetermination of Benefits whereby IT IS ORDERED as follows: 1. The Viewers' Report, on file herein, and the assessment of benefits and damages stated therein, attached as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted. 2. The Engineer's Report is hereby adopted. 3. The redetermined benefits and damages, and benefited and damaged areas shall take the place of, and be used, in determining assessments from the date approval. 4. The County Auditor-Treasurer is directed to take all necessary actions to implement this redetermination of benefits and to apply assessment and interest terms in accordance with existing policy. 5. The appeal period will be thirty (30) days after this Order is signed and filed in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, and passed 5-0, to approve the County Ditch No. 73 Findings of Fact and Order for the Redetermination of Benefits whereby IT IS ORDERED as follows: 1. The Viewers' Report, on file herein, and the assessment of benefits and damages stated therein, attached as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted. 2. The Engineer's Report is hereby adopted. 3. The redetermined benefits and damages, and benefited and damaged areas shall take the place of, and be used, in determining assessments from the date approval. 4. The County Auditor-Treasurer is directed to take all necessary actions to implement this redetermination of benefits and to apply assessment and interest terms in accordance with existing policy. 5. The appeal period will be thirty (30) days after this Order is signed and filed in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

At 11:04 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened the CD#73 Outlet Redetermination of Benefits public hearing, continued from the 5-23-2017 public hearing. The continued public hearing was attended by A/T Prochniak; County Engineer Stevens; Ditch Viewers Behrends and Christianson; and six (6) interested 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#73 Outlet Ditch Authority had previously received the Engineer's Advisory Report dated 5-4-2017. Viewer Christianson had previously presented the Viewers' Report and Property Owners Report dated 4-28-2017, and reported on the updated calculations for the redetermination of benefits using the east/west method rather than the north/south method. 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 noted that the east/west method for the Private acres is the same method that was used on CD#73 county tile which in his opinion should be used for consistency for the Private acres. Jim Lilleodden expressed concern about the change from the north/south viewing method as applied to the Private acres. Eugene Wellmann commented on watershed lines and concern about drainage across watershed lines. After considerable discussion, M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to apply the north/south method to the Private Acres for the County Ditch No. 73 Outlet Redetermination of Benefits (including Private Acres), with the understanding that the tiling of the Lilleodden property is reviewed for accuracy; accept the Viewers Report and the Engineer's Report; and direct the County Attorney to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order to be considered at a following County Board meeting; passed 4-1, with Simonsen dissenting.

Highway Engineer Stevens and Assistant Engineer Lang joined the proceedings to present the proposed CD#33 cleanout. Two (2) CD#33 landowners were present. Landowner Duane Sellner expressed concern about maintaining intakes in CD#33. Landowner Don Sellner stated that the ditch is working as is. After considerable discussion, M/Potter, S/Borchert, to table consideration of the Open Ditch Clean Out of CD#33 and research the cost to perform an engineer's evaluation of the condition of the CD#33 system; passed.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to approve the request from the City of New Ulm to close a portion of CSAH 13 (Center Street) between Garden Street and Highland Avenue on 9-9-2017 from approximately 8:15 PM to 9:00 PM for a fireworks show during the Hermannfest celebration, conditioned upon corresponding approval of the New Ulm City Council; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve the 2017 State of MN Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant #120263, PO#:3000107956 in the total amount of \$3,901 for the period 1-1-2017 thru 6-30-2018; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to accept and file the Brown County 4-H Update Report dated June 2017, noting a youth enrollment of 211 members; carried.

M/Potter, S/Borchert, to accept the proposal and timeline for the 2017 Landfill Cell 20 construction to include installation of 2' clay liner, synthetic 60 mil composite liner, leachate collection system, and final cover over filled areas; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the 2016 CVSO Annual Report; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to change the PT 0.75 FTE Assistant County Veterans Service Officer position, currently held by Dave Koester, to a 1.0 FTE position effective 7-1-2017 and with grant funding as available; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to approve the appointment of William Day as a Veteran's Volunteer Shuttle Driver effective 6-27-2017; carried.

M/Berg, S/Simonsen, to accept the resignation of William Brown as a Veteran's Volunteer Shuttle Driver effective 6-27-2017; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to appoint Chairman Simonsen, County Administrator Enter, and HR Director Schaefer to a preliminary committee to determine membership for a Salary Administration Task Force in order to complete a 15-county salary survey on 60-70 positions; carried.

Correspondence C-1 to C-6 were accepted and filed. Borchert reported on MRCI New Ulm and on Sioux Trails with Commissioner Simonsen; Berg reported with Potter on the Highway Committee meeting on 6-20-2017 and on the Brown County Economic Development Partners, Inc. meeting with Simonsen; Windschitl reported with Simonsen on the Community Health Board Executive Committee meeting; Simonsen reported on the Brown Soil & Water Conservation District meeting. Potter also reported on the Rural MN Energy Board tour on 7-31-2017.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Simonsen declared the Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6-27-17 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: cntyadmn@co.brown.mn.us Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us