

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 5, 2017

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

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept the Minutes of 8-22-2017 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$182,472.16 as follows: Revenue \$83,184.21; Public Health \$6,328.99; Road and Bridge \$36,137.34; Human Services \$350.75; Building Fund \$29,804.64; Park \$843.40; Ditch \$3,903.76; Landfill \$21,045.25; Score \$90.00; Forfeited Tax Fund \$783.82. In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceeding \$2,000 are included in the Fund totals above: Braun Intertec Corp \$2,325.75; Brown Co Editorial Assn \$3,003.19; Chuck Spaeth Ford Inc \$38,225.64; ESRI \$6,101.10; Klassen Mechanical \$4,225.18; Mn Valley Testing Laboratories \$12,185.75; River Bend Business Products \$6,150.37; Ron's Recycling \$8,859.50; Sanofi Pasteur Inc \$3,081.49; Schwickert's Tecta America LLC \$29,804.64; Simplex-Grinnell \$5,252.76; Summit Food Service LLC \$6,096.46; Traffic Marking Service Inc \$27,290.75; Walters Excavating \$3,792.00; 83 other vendor payments less than \$2,000; Final Total \$182,472.16; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to award the SAP 008-599-052 Bridge Replacement and Approach work on 300th Street over JD#29 R&B (Spring Creek) in Eden Township to Landwehr Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$193,645.60; carried. Two other bids were received from Mathiowetz Construction and from Midwest Contracting LLC.

M/Berg, S/Windschitl, to award the SAP 008-608-039 Bridge Replacement and Approach work on CSAH 8 over JD#30 R&B to Mathiowetz Construction in the amount of \$307,800.90; carried. Two other bids were received from Landwehr Construction, Inc. and from Midwest Contracting LLC.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to accept the quote received from Ferguson Brothers Excavating in the amount of \$93,600 for an estimated 30,000 cubic yards of aggregate crushing for Highway Dept. maintenance gravel; carried. Two other quotes were received from Hard Rock Screening and from MR Paving & Excavating.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to accept and file the Highway Dept. Monthly Update for Construction Projects and Maintenance Projects; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, and passed 5-0 to approve Resolution 2017-27 to enter into an agreement with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the MN Dept. of Public Safety for the program entitled Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) for the update of the Brown County Hazard Mitigation plan.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to approve Global Infrastructure, LLC Proposal Number 17-2029 dated 8-28-17 in the amount of \$22,974 to perform the work to repair the Wellner-Hageman dam sluice gate and low flow valve, and if needed an additional estimated amount of \$37,956 to replace the sluice gate; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to approve the request by the property owner to change the closing date at 10498 Shag Road, New Ulm, MN from 9-29-2017 to 10-16-2017 with respect to the Hazard Mitigation Home Buy-Out Program; failed 2-3, with Berg, Windschitl, and Potter dissenting.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to maintain the closing date at 10498 Shag Road, New Ulm, MN as 9-29-2017 with respect to the Hazard Mitigation Home Buy-Out Program; carried 3-2, with Borchert and Simonsen dissenting.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to approve Amendment #3 of MN DNR Grant Agreement #3000083372/98784 in the amount of \$5,300 to cover the property taxes that were paid on parcels purchased under the Hazard Mitigation Home Buy-Out Program; carried.

M/Berg, S/Borchert, to approve the appointment of Helen Hart as I.T. Administrative Assistant at \$19.4602/hour (Grade XI, Step 2) with an effective hire date of 9-14-2017; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Potter, to approve the appointments of Vicki Quiring and Gene Slettedahl as IPT Bailiffs, at \$12.6351/hour (Grade V, Step 4) with an effective hire date of 9-6-2017; carried.

M/Potter, S/Windschitl, to approve the appointment of Lois Bode as Facilities Operator – Community Services Building at \$16.6546/hour (Grade VIII, Step 4) with an effective hire date of 9-15-2017 contingent on the passage of the pre-employment screenings, carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to appoint Kjersti Bastian as the LELS representative on the Labor/Management Safety Committee effective 9-5-2017; carried.

M/Potter, S/Berg, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between County of Brown and AFSCME 65 Local 1204 Highway Unit modifying the HSA benefit effective 1-1-2018 as pertains to the Labor Agreement for the term of 1-1-2017 thru 12-31-2019; carried.

M/Berg, S/Potter, to accept and file the updated draft of the 2018 County Budget; carried.

At 10:10 AM, the County Commissioners viewed the new Veterans Hospital Shuttle Van with Veterans Services Officer Peterson.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-12 were accepted and filed. Borchert and Simonsen reported on Sioux Trails Mental Health Center meeting on 8-29-2017; Windschitl reported on the South Country Health Alliance

and with Simonsen on the Community Health Board Executive Committee meeting; Simonsen reported on the Wellness Committee meeting on 8-30-2017.

At 10:55 AM, Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

At 11:05 AM, Chairman Simonsen convened an informational meeting with CD#33 landowners regarding options for better drainage. The informational meeting was attended by Auditor/Treasurer Prochniak and County Engineer Stevens, along with twelve (12) landowners. A/T Prochniak reported that notice of the informational meeting was sent to all CD#33 landowners. Chairman Simonsen called for public testimony as to whether or not the CD#33 Ditch Authority should authorize the clean-out of CD#33. Testimony varied both in favor and opposed to the clean-out, with comments including: CD#33 was cleaned about twenty (20) years ago and it doesn't need cleaning at this time. In the upper end of the ditch system, some tile outlets are in standing water, so ditch cleaning should take place. Trees recently removed have regrown and need to be addressed. A letter on file in the A/T Office stated opposition to cleaning the ditch at this time. It was noted that the system will have a positive balance with 2017 assessment payments, subject to a decision to clean out the ditch at this time. The assessment timetable was questioned and reviewed. It was also stated that the buffer was recently seeded. It was noted that I&S Engineers recently reported to the County Board on the option of enlisting said engineering firm to perform a feasibility study of options that could be considered for repair and/or improvements to the system, at a cost of \$2,500 for a feasibility study; No action was taken regarding the feasibility study option. The elevation of Lake Hanska, which is the outlet of CD#33, was questioned. Two landowners noted that the full cleanout would be preferred. Buffer reseeding as needed is included in the cost of the clean out quote; it was noted that buffer seeding typically costs about \$350 per acre. The need to stay back from the ditch with farming operations and the concern of sediment moving to Lake Hanska were expressed. After further testimony and considerable discussion, M/Berg, S/Borchert, to authorize the clean out of CD#33 and accept the low quote from Richert Excavating Inc., Glencoe, MN in the amount of \$40,757.97 for said clean out; carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Potter, to set the Public Hearing for 11:30 AM on 9-26-2017 in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN for consideration of the proposed ditch assessments for taxes payable in 2018; carried.

There being no further business, M/Potter, S/Berg, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Thereupon, Chairman Simonsen declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9-5-2017 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 Home Page Address: www.co.brown.mn.us