

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

September 28, 2021

Members present: Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, Veerkamp, along with Lay Board Member Kuster and Gieseke, County Administrator Hansen, Human Services Director Dietz, and County Attorney Hanson

M/Borchert, S/Veerkamp, to accept the Minutes of 09-21-2021 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Veerkamp, to accept and file the Brown County Human Services 2021 Annual Summer Camping Report noting that thirty (30) youth attended camp related programs this past summer; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Borchert, to approve the CY 2022-2023 State of MN/County Interagency Cooperative Agreement Covering the Administration of Child Support, Establishment of Paternity, and Medical Support Liability Programs by and between the MN Dept. of Human Services and Brown County Offices of Human Services, County Sheriff, and County Attorney, which includes Attachment A. IV-D Child Support Cooperative Arrangement; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept and order filed the Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) summary report; and approve the 2022 FY Grant Application to Families First for the PSOP program in Brown County in the amount of \$10,000; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to approve to temporarily hire a substitute Heartland Express Bus Driver from an eligible list of candidates to be schedule for the unfilled routes up to 12-31-2021 due to an employee's leave of absence; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Windschitl, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$2,423.93. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: none; Eight payments less than \$2000 total \$2,423.93; Final total is \$2,423.93; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Borchert, to accept and file the following Consent Agenda Items: New Staff; Out-of-Home Placement Costs Report; Heartland Express Report; Adult Mental Health Initiative Reform; Human Service Cost Report; Child Protection Report; Department Policies; and Region 9 Director Group; carried.

Lay Board Member Judy Kuster and DeeAnn Gieseke were excused.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to convene into closed session to consider Social Service Payments; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to authorize the payment of a Social Services payment in the amount of \$600.01; carried. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: none; one payment less than \$2,000 total \$600.01; Final Total \$600.01.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to cease the closed session and reconvene the open session; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to approve the 2022 FY Grant Application to Families First for the Brown County Public Health-Universal Contact/Follow Along Program in the amount of \$30,000; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to approve one (1) drainage ditch repair request and the payment of said repair; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Simonsen, to schedule a Preliminary Hearing on 11-4-2021 at 9:00 AM, in the LEC Training Room of the Brown County Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center, New Ulm, MN for the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the improvement to CD 44; carried.

Correspondence C-2 was accepted and filed. Veerkamp reported on the Ag Society meeting, JD 8 meeting, and Rural Energy meeting.

M/Borchert, S/Veerkamp, to accept the resignation of Steve Depew, FT Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective 9-30-2021; carried.

After considerable discussion about wage and budget concerns relating to the appointment of the FT Chief Deputy Sheriff position, M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to approve the appointment of Jeremy Reed as FT Chief Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office in accordance with MN Statute 387.145 at the hourly rate of \$39.66 Grade XXI, Step 6, plus on-call pay of \$60/holiday and \$55/day on weekends effective 10-1-2021; failed 1-4, with Windschitl, Simonsen, Veerkamp, and Berg dissenting. After further discussion, M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to approve the appointment of Jeremy Reed as FT Chief Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office in accordance with MN Statute 387.145 at the hourly rate of \$42.28 Grade XXI, Step 9, plus on-call pay of \$60/holiday and \$55/day on weekends effective 10-1-2021; carried 4-1, with Borchert dissenting.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to approve a leave of absence for Jeremy Reed from his current Investigator position in the Sheriff's Office to assume the appointed Chief Deputy position for the period 10-1-2021 to the end of Sheriff Seidl's current elected 4-year term of office with reinstatement to a position of like seniority, status, and pay if it is available at the same salary which would have been received for the reinstated position if the leave had not been taken and upon the condition that the position has not been abolished; failed 2-3, with Windschitl, Simonsen, and Borchert dissenting.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to authorize posting the vacancy for a FT Investigator in the Sheriff's Office according to policy and contract; carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve the conditional FT Dispatcher position offer to Jackie Confer at \$21.18/hour (Grade XI, Entry) with an effective hire date to be determined upon completion and receipt of satisfactory results of the pre-employment background checks/screenings; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to accept and file the August 2021 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 66.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$26,551,664.08 or 63.4%, and revenues of \$26,271,306.52 or 62.7%; and the August 2021 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$1,579,152.65 or 58.7%, and revenues of \$1,474,996.87 or 82.5% of annual budgeted activity; carried.

Correspondence C-1 and C-3 through C-5 were accepted and filed. Windschitl reported on the Labor Management/Safety committee meeting, Brown/Nicollet drug court, and Enterprise North meeting; Simonsen reported on the Brown/Nicollet personnel meeting; Borchert reported on the MRCI meeting, SC Emergency Communication meeting, and SC EMS meeting.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Berg declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9-28-2021 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