

## SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2022

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

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept the Minutes of 1-18-2022 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Windschitl, to accept and file the Holiday Projects Report for 2021 which benefited 357 households totaling 681 children, adults, disabled persons and/or the elderly served who are living in communities throughout Brown County, with projects including Adopt-a-Family Project, Sertoma Santa's Closet, Coats for Kids Project, and Jaycee's Food Baskets; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, to accept with thanks the donations received in 2021 totaling \$8,785.77 for Adopt-A-Family, Foster Care, Boys Group, Autism, Benevolence Fund, and Mental Health Clubhouse; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$18,197.11. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: Confidential Client \$2,290.16; Verizon Wireless \$3,120.29. 22 payments less than \$2,000 total \$12,786.66; Final total is \$18,197.11; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Borchert, to accept and file the following Consent Agenda Items: New Staff, Out of Home Placement Costs, Heartland Express, and Procurement for Health Care Plans; carried.

Lay Board Member DeeAnn Gieseke was excused.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept and order filed the December 2021 Monthly Report of Activity for the Brown County Sheriff's Dept.; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to accept and order filed the 911 Report for 2021 for the Brown County Sheriff's Dept.; carried

M/Veerkamp, S/Simonsen, to approve the MN DNR Snowmobile Grant Contract No. 206129 effective 7-1-2021 through 6-30-23 in the total amount of \$5,926 (\$2,963 in the state fiscal year 2022 and \$2,963 in the state fiscal year 2023); carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, as passed 5-0, to approved Brown County Resolution 2022-09 in regards to the application for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grants Program.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to set the bid letting date for seal coat oil for 2022 for 2-23-2022 at 10:00 AM at the Highway Dept. Office; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to set a bid letting date for the Brown County SAP 008-613-032 & New Ulm SAP 148-020-005 on CSAH 13 for 10:00 AM on Wednesday 3-2-2022 in Commissioner Room 204 located in the Brown County Courthouse, 14 S. State, New Ulm, MN; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to approve 2020 Emergency Management Performance COVID-19 Supplemental Grant (EMPG-S) Contract Agreement No. A-EMPG-S-2020-BROWNCO-008 for Federal funding assistance through the MN Dept. of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for the Brown County Emergency Management Program in the amount of \$11,338 and authorize the Board Chair to sign said grant agreement; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Borchert, to authorize LJP Waste Solutions of Blue Earth County to temporarily bring waste not to exceed 17,000 tons to be deposited in the Brown County Sanitary Landfill; noting that the county tipping fee will be \$57.00 per ton; carried 3-2, with Windschitl and Veerkamp dissenting.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to set the date for County Board of Review for Monday 6-13-2022 at 7:00 PM and to continue the Board of Review meeting on Wednesday 6-22-2021 at 1:00 PM if necessary; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to approve the PERA Phased Retirement Agreement (PRO) request of Marea Mohr for a 0.5 FTE Deputy Recorder position effective 4-8-2022 according to the PERA guidelines; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to accept the resignation Leah Luke, FT Social Worker – Chemical Dependency, effective 2-11-2022, and authorize to post the vacancy for a FT Social Worker – Chemical Dependency according to policy; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to approve the conditional appointment of Christopher Struiksma as FT Correctional Officer contingent upon satisfactory results of a pre-employment background checks/screenings, at the hourly rate of \$21.60; Grade XI, Entry; effective hire date to be determined upon completion and receipt of satisfactory results of the pre-employment background checks/screenings; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to appoint Johanna Esser as FT Property Maintenance Specialist/Drainage Assistant in the Auditor-Treasurer Dept. at the hourly rate of \$20.49 (Grade X, Step 1) with an anticipated start date of 2-9-2022; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, and passed 5-0, to approve Brown County Resolution 2022-06 establishing minimum salaries for the elected positions for the County Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Attorney shall for the next term following be: County Recorder \$62,317.00; County Sheriff \$74,006.00; and County Attorney \$77,147.00.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-5 were accepted and filed. Veerkamp reported on the Rural Energy meeting; Windschitl reported on the SCHA meeting, and MCIT meeting; Borchert reported on the SW Leadership meeting with Senator Klobuchar, and Joint Powers Workforce meeting.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Berg declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM. The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1-25-2022 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](mailto:cntyadm@co.brown.mn.us) Home Page Address: [www.co.brown.mn.us](http://www.co.brown.mn.us)