

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2022

Members present: Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, Veerkamp, along with County Administrator Hansen, County Attorney Hanson, and Lay Board Members Gieseke and Sieve.

M/Borchert, S/Veerkamp, to accept the Minutes of 8-16-2022 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept and order filed the Chemical Dependency/Substance Use Disorder assessor and county statistics from the 2021 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Normative Evaluation System (DAANES) Report; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to accept and order filed the Child Day Care, Child Foster Care and Corporate Adult Foster Care Licensing Programs Update; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, to deny the revision to the Brown County Out of Home Placement Fee policy as a result of a law change; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to approve payment of Human Services administrative claims in the amount of \$19,309.90. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000: Elan Financial Services \$5,352.94; Confidential Client \$2,290.16; Confidential Client \$2,951.04; Verizon Wireless \$3,165.91; Twelve payments less than \$2,000 total \$5,549.85. Final total is \$19,309.90; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Borchert, to accept and file the following Consent Agenda Items: Human Service Staff Update; Out of Home Placements; Heartland Express; Supervised Visitation; and Brown County Commitments; carried.

Lay Board Member DeeAnn Gieseke and Vicki Sieve were excused.

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

M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, to authorize the payment of Social Services payments in the amount of \$7.00; carried. In accordance with MS 375.12 the following claims exceed \$2,000 None; payments less than \$2,000 total \$7.00; Final Total \$7.00.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to cease the closed session for social service payments and resume open session; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to approve the purchase of a Canon Image Runner Advance 5850i Multifunction Color Copier in the state contract amount of \$9,104.40 from River Bend Business Products for use in the Brown County Sheriff Department; carried. One other quote was received for a Canon Image Runner Advance 6860 Black/White Copier from River Bend Business Products.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to accept the quote in the amount of \$10,350 for concrete flooring in the back half of the shop at Lake Hanska Park; noting funds from the Park Fund will be utilized for the project; carried. One other quote was received from Scott Kral Construction, LLC.

M/Simonsen, S/Windschitl, to approve the recommendation by the Brown County Solid Waste Advisory to increase the tipping fee from \$45 per ton to \$55 per ton at the Brown County Landfill; and schedule a public hearing at 9:03 AM on Tuesday 9-20-2022 in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN for public comment in regards to Ordinance 2022-03 Solid Waste Landfill Tipping fee revision in the Brown County Fee Schedule; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to authorize placement of a 16" x 8" flat grave marker for the unmarked burial grave of Reverend Johann Gottlieb Mannweiler located at the Evangelical Association of Cottonwood Cemetery (R130.021.001.02.060); and accept the donation of materials and installation of said marker from the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Commission on Archives and History; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Berg, to approve the conditional offer to Nicholas Busch for the Engineering Instrument Technician I position in the Highway Department at the hourly rate of \$24.35 (Grade XIII, Entry) with start date pending successful completion and satisfactory results of pre-employment screenings and background checks; and to start this position on a part-time (30+ hours per week) basis while taking college related courses, then moving to a full-time status after completion of the Civil Engineering Technology AAS Degree; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Simonsen, to accept the resignation of Avery Stevens, Temporary Summer Highway Maintenance Worker, effective 7-14-2022; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, and passed 5-0, to approve Brown County Resolution 2022-33 in regards to the resignation of the County Recorder and Declaring a Vacancy.

M/Simonsen, S/Veerkamp, to authorize posting the County Recorder vacancy for County Board Appointment; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to authorize receipting the MCIT 2022 special distribution of funds to members participating in the workers' compensation division in the amount of \$91,142 to the Building Fund; carried.

Correspondence C-1 and C-2 were accepted and filed.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

M/Veerkamp, S/Windschitl to convene into closed session to consider labor strategies; carried.

Chairman Berg convened a Closed Session in the LEC Training Room, New Ulm, MN for discussion of labor strategies. This session was attended by Commissioners David Borchert, Anton Berg, Scott Windschitl, Dean Simonsen and Jeff Veerkamp, along with County Administrator Sam Hansen, HR Director Ruth Schaefer, and Tessia Melvin of David Drown and Associates. M/Borchert, S/Windschitl, to accept and file the update on labor strategies; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Veerkamp, to conclude the closed session and reconvene the meeting in open session; carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Berg declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8-23-2022 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: cntyadmn@co.brown.mn.us
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