

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING
November 1, 2022

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

M/Borchert, S/Simonsen, to accept the Minutes of 10-25-2022 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$255,207.41 as follows: Revenue \$37,561.51; Public Health \$4,944.58; Road and Bridge \$38,335.92; Human Services \$202.26; Building Fund \$3,675.13; Park Fund \$201.75; Ditch fund \$2,125.00; Capital Improvement Fund \$17,113.50; Landfill \$149,182.76; Forfeited Tax Fund \$1,865.00. In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceeding \$2,000 are included in the Fund totals above: Advanced Drainage Systems Inc \$10,259.00; Bergys Handyman Service \$3,675.13; Clifton Larson Allen LLP \$2,515.80; Consolidated Correctional Foods \$12,783.27; GEI Consultants Inc \$4,141.76; I & S Group Inc \$2,125.00; JK Kieper Constructions \$6,590.00; Lyle Heiderscheidt Trucking \$18,270.00; Master's Touch LLC/The \$5,500.00; Mathiowetz Enterprises Inc \$135,033.56; Menards \$2,779.08; MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust \$2,500.00; Sanofi Pasteur Inc \$2,908.36; Trane U.S. Inc \$17,113.50. 63 payments less than \$2,000 \$29,012.95; Final Total: \$255,207.41; carried.

Chairman Berg convened a Public Hearing for the purpose of setting assessments/liens to Brown County drainage ditches that have deficit balances or insufficient funds in their accounts for proper maintenance and repair. A/T Kelly Hotovec presented information on the proposed assessments. No citizens attended the public hearing. After calling for public comment three times, Chairman Berg closed the public hearing and opened it up to the Board. After limited discussion, M/Simonsen, S/Windschitl, to approve the amounts for ditch assessments on the following drainage ditches for taxes payable in 2023 and to establish the interest rate of 4% beginning 1-01-2023: \$9,000 – CD#02; \$6,000 – CD#35; \$26,000 – CD#67; \$59,000 – CD#68; \$8,000 – CD#69; \$10,000 – CD#70; \$14,000 – JD#14 B&W; \$46,000 – JD#29 B&R; \$7,000 – JD#48 BE&B&W; \$11,000 – Main B CD#24; carried 5-0.

M/Simonsen, S/Berg, to accept and file the report on the JD#29 B&R Joint Drainage Teleconference/Zoom Meeting held at 8:15 AM this date 11-01-2022 in the Brown County Courthouse Room 204 noting that the Brown County Commissioners Windschitl, Simonsen, and Veerkamp were present along with Redwood County Commissioners Wakefield and Groebner, whereby the JD#29 B&R Joint Drainage Authority took the following action: awarded the JD#29 B&R Partial Open Ditch Clean Out to Rickert Excavating in the amount of \$26,220; carried.

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

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to approve the purchase of one (1) Easi File Cabinet in the amount of \$3,774.79 from EasiFile, Anaheim, CA for storing plats in the Records office; carried. One other quote was received for two (2) Enduro No. 200 Plat Cabinets from Government Forms and Supplies.com.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to accept the Met Life Dental insurance premium rate proposal received from National Insurance Services for the contract term January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 with monthly rates as follows: Subscriber only \$30.26; Subscriber+Spouse \$60.27; Subscriber+Child(ren)\$91.98; Subscriber+Spouse and Child(ren) \$118.67; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, to authorize submitting a notice of nonrenewal to Delta Dental and to discontinue Brown County's relationship with them for dental insurance effective 12-31-2022; carried.

M/Simonsen, S/Veerkamp, to accept the resignation of Debra Heiling, PT Sleepy Eye Facilities Technician effective 11-8-2022, and authorize to post the vacancy for one PT Sleepy Eye Facilities Technician according to policy; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Simonsen, to accept and file the 2022 3rd Quarter (Cash Basis and Unaudited) Budget Report which reflects activity at 75% of the budget year as follows: Expenditures of \$25,644,310.32 or 59.4%, and revenues of \$27,818,720.24 or 64.4%; and the 2022 3rd Quarter Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$2,147,562.76 or 99.2%, and revenues of \$2,719,49.80 or 136.8% of budgeted activity; carried.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-6 were accepted and filed. Veerkamp reported on the AMC District 7 meeting; Windschitl reported on the SCHA meeting, and CHB Executive meeting; Simonsen reported on the JD 29 meeting; Borchert reported on the AMC District 7 meeting, and CHB Executive meeting; Berg reported on the AME District 7 meeting.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two week period.

M/Simonsen, S/Veerkamp, to convene into closed session to consider litigation strategies; carried.

Chairman Berg convened a Closed Session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (b) to discuss potential litigation with Southern MN Behavioral Health in the Commissioners Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN. This session was attended by Commissioners Borchert, Berg, Windschitl, Simonsen, and Veerkamp, along with County Administrator Hansen, County Attorney Hanson, Human Services Director Dietz, and Mental Health Supervisor Hogen. Commissioner Simonsen asked to be excused for a

potential conflict with his position on that Board and he was excused by Chairman Berg. After a thorough update, M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, to accept and file the update on litigation strategies; carried.

M/Veerkamp, S/Borchert, 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 11:08 AM. The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 11-1-2022 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
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