

SYNOPSIS OF COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2023

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

M/Braun, S/Borchert, to accept the Minutes of 03-28-2023 and authorize publication of the Synopsis of same; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve the 2023 State of MN Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement in the total amount of \$2,676 for the period 1-1-2023 thru 6-30-2024; carried.

M/Braun, S/Borchert, to authorize payment of General Government claims in the amount of \$79,830.10 as follows: Revenue \$38,885.21; Road and Bridge \$24,059.21; Human Services \$12.68; Ditch Fund \$2,607.85; Landfill Fund \$12,265.15; Score Fund \$2,000.00. In accordance with MS 375.12, the following claims exceeding \$2,000 are included in the Fund totals above: Blue Earth Co Environmental Services \$2,000.00; Cargill Inc \$6,556.90; Column Software PBC \$2,951.59; GEI Consultants Inc \$12,060.00; H & L MESABI INC \$13,200.00; Trimin Government Solutions \$26,594.00; 43 payments less than \$2,000 \$16,467.61. Final Total \$79,830.10; carried.

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

M/Borchert, S/Braun, to approve the purchase of the Human Services dept. 2015 Dodge Caravan in the amount of \$4,413.00; noting that funding from Heartland Express Reserves will be utilized for said purchase; carried 5-0.

M/Berg, S/Windschitl, to declare the Heartland Express 2006 Ford Taurus as excess property for sale on MnBid or similar website as deemed appropriate by the Human Services Director or County Administrator; noting that sale proceeds from vehicle sale will be allocated to the Heartland Express Reserves; carried 5-0.

M/Braun, S/Berg, to approve the MPCA feedlot Program 2022 Annual County Feedlot Officer & Performance Credit report (Data for period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022), and authorize Board Chair to sign same on behalf of Brown County; carried.

M/Berg, S/Windschitl, to recognize County Feedlot Officer Amanda Lang on the MN Associate of County Feedlot Officers (MACFO) - Tina Rosenstein Outstanding Service Award received on 3-21-23 for outstanding dedication and service to the betterment of and in furthering the goals of the MACFO; carried.

M/Berg, S/Braun, to authorize the use of legal services from Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A. for legal assistance on Brown County Planning and Zoning Land Use Issues; noting that a retainer and contract are not needed as services will be invoiced monthly at the rate of \$230/hour for Shareholder Attorney and \$220/hour for Associate Attorney with the hourly rate broken into 6-minute increments, plus additional costs for printing, mileage and filing fees; carried.

M/Braun, S/Berg, to approve the Sanitary Landfill Operation Contract with Mathiowetz Enterprises, Inc. (MEI) as recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) to operate the Brown County Landfill in the amount of \$480,115 with a Fuel Stop Loss minimum \$3.00 and maximum \$3.90 for the period 4-1-2023 through 3-31-2024; carried.

M/Windschitl, S/Berg, to approve the use of the Lost Dog and Fox Hunters Park for a staging area for a pilot project by AECOM, CarlsonSV LLP, St. Mary's Catholic School, and Crystal Waters Project, Inc., in collaboration with St. Cloud State University and the University of MN Southwest Research and Outreach Center to demonstrate an innovative algal harvesting (nutrient removal) program using dissolved air flotation technology to remove algae from Clear Lake for one week in August 2023; carried.

M/Braun, S/Borchert, to accept and file the February 2023 Budget Report (Cash Basis and Unaudited) which reflects activity at 16.7% of the budget year as follows: expenditures of \$6,347,651.40 or 15.1%, and revenues of \$5,494,326.56 or 13.1%; and the February 2023 Supplemental Budgets Report noting expenditures of \$480,249.45 or 21.8%, and revenues of \$295,416.13 or 12.8% of annual budgeted activity; carried.

M/Borchert, S/Braun, and passed 5-0, to approve Brown County Resolution 2023-05 authorizing County Staff to Execute All Necessary Documents to Ensure County Participation in the Multistate Settlements Relating to Opioid Distributors and Manufacturers, and in the MN Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.

M/Borchert, S/Berg, and passed 5-0, to approve Brown County Resolution 2023-04 endorsing the support for skilled nursing home funding during the 2023 legislative session.

Correspondence C-1 thru C-3 were accepted and filed. Braun reported on a meeting with the City of Evan; Borchert reported on the Opioid Settlement meeting, SCHA meeting, and MRCI meeting.

Calendars were coordinated for the next two-week period.

There being no further business, Chairman Veerkamp declared the Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM. The Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 4-4-2023 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