

Resolution No 2025-10
Brown County Resolution

Performance Measurement Program

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Braun and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on June 24, 2025 at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

WHEREAS, benefits to Brown County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

WHEREAS, any county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

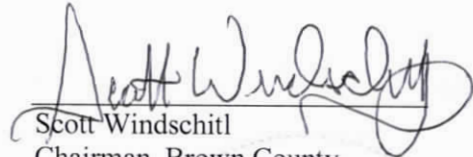
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, Brown County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year by posting on the county's website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Brown County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the county.

Seconded by Commissioner Berg and the same being put to a vote was duly carried.
This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0 (Borchert absent).

Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.


Scott Windschitl
Chairman, Brown County

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
County of Brown

I, Sam Hansen, duly appointed, qualified and acting County Administrator for the County of Brown, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a Resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 24th day of June, 2025, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at New Ulm, Minnesota, this 24th day of June 2025.


Sam Hansen
County Administrator

2025 Performance Measures Report

Brown County, Minnesota



This Report Contains:

- Res. No. 2025-10: Adoption of the 2025 Performance Measures Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2024

Respectfully Submitted to the
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor
Prepared by: Kelly Hotovec, Auditor-Treasurer

Actual Results of 2025 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County **(All reported results are for 2024, except where otherwise noted)**

Executive Summary: The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2025 Performance Measure Program on June 24, 2025. Resolution No. 2025-10 adopted twelve benchmarks on which to measure output that includes the areas of Environment, Public Works, Property Records, Valuation, & Assessment, Elections, Budget & Financial, Veterans' Services, Public Safety, and Public Health & Social Services. The actual results of those performance measures are included in the following report.

Benchmark 1: Environment

Recycling percentage:

- Actual Results: 37.5% of total waste in the county is recycled. This has been consistent since Brown County switched from volume to weight-based measuring in 2022.

Benchmark 2: Environment

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected and disposed of:

- Actual Results: 44,934 lbs. of hazardous waste – 35% increase from 2023
98,825 lbs. of electronic waste – 22% reduction from 2023

Benchmark 3: Public Works

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: 92.4 was the average rating for the 149 bridges throughout the county, on a scale of 1-100.

Benchmark 4: Public Works

Hours to plow complete system during a snow event:

- Actual Results: On average it took 2-3 hours to clear driving lanes and another 2-3 hours to make a second pass to clear shoulders, depending on the amount of snow fall and ice.

Benchmark 5: Public Works

Average county pavement condition rating:

- Actual Results: The Average Pavement Condition changed to 3.3 Pavement Quality Index (PQI) after the last Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) road survey in 2023. This rating falls into the good category. This is determined every other year, so new data will be conducted in 2025.
- In 2024, 12.84 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed.

Benchmark 6: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment

Turn-around time for recording, indexing and returning real estate documents:

- Actual Results: MN Statutes 357.182, Subd 6 requires a 10-day turnaround time, 90% of the time. Brown County's practice is for electronically filed documents to be completed and returned within 5 business days or less and paper filed documents returned within 10 business days or less. Brown County was 100% compliant in 2024 averaging 7.29 days to return paper documents and 1.33 days to return electronically filed documents.

Benchmark 7: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment

Level of Assessment Ratio:

- Actual Results: The three types of assessment ratios submitted to the Department of Revenue were:

Ag: 93.63% | Residential: 93.35% | Commercial/Industrial: 106.91%

Benchmark 8: Elections

Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately):

- Actual Results: Post election review by hand count of Bashaw Township and City of Comfrey precincts on 11/18/2024 confirmed 100% accuracy, which was completed by precinct election judges and administrative election officials. There were public observers present.
- Comfrey was also selected by the state canvassing board for a post-election audit. They validated that the election was conducted in accordance with statutes.

Benchmark 9: Budget/Financial

Bond rating:

- Actual Results: Standard & Poor's Global Ratings "AA". This rating was certified in 2017 at the time of bond issuance and remains unchanged. On 1/17/2025, S&P affirmed Brown County's "AA" long-term rating for general obligation bonds outstanding with a stable outlook. The review used the updated "Methodology for Rating U.S. Governments" published September 9, 2024, on RatingsDirect.

Benchmark 10: Veterans' Services

Dollars brought into the county for veterans' benefit:

- Actual Results: During 2023, Brown County veterans received \$21,163,000 in benefits.
- The prior year was \$20,683,000.

Note: Fiscal year 2024 results are anticipated to be released in September of 2025.

Benchmark 11: Public Safety

Total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury:

- Actual Results: There were 2 fatal accidents in 2024 resulting in 2 fatalities.
- Actual Results: There were 19 personal injury accidents in 2024.
- Actual Results: There were 144 property damage accidents in 2024.

Benchmark 12: Public Health

General life expectancy:

- Actual Results: Using the County Health Rankings data, Brown County's life expectancy is 80 years of age, as of 2022.

Brown County recognizes the everyday choices we make can help us become happier, healthier, and more fulfilled with our lives at work and at home. Since 2013, Brown County implemented a Wellness Program designed to improve the overall physical, mental, and social well-being for all staff by providing education to employees on wellness topics and offers programs that encourage physical activity, healthy eating habits and emotional wellbeing.

Brown County Public Health aims to prevent disease and promote, improve, protect, and preserve the health and wellbeing of those living in Brown County. During 2024, this was done through community partnerships with area businesses, schools, non-profits, and residents of all ages. Public health offers services and health education opportunities where there is a need, whether in the office, at a community event, or in a resident's home, all while promoting physical and social-emotional health as well as prevention of chronic and communicable diseases. A Community Health Assessment will be completed in 2025.

Public Health also continues to partner with the Heart of New Ulm in several of its action teams to promote initiatives around mental health, substance misuse, worksite wellness, food environments, and safe streets throughout Brown County.