

**Resolution No. 2024-19**

**Brown County Resolution**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Braun and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on June 25, 2024 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.

The Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes: 5 Nays 0.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.




  
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Chairman, Brown County Board of Commissioners

**Certification**

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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County Administrator

# **Actual Results of 2024 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County**

## **(All reported results are for 2023, except where otherwise noted)**

**Executive Summary:** The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2024 Performance Measure Program on June 25, 2024. Resolution 2024-19 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% of total waste in the county is recycled. This is consistent with 2022 numbers, when Brown County switched from Volume based to Weight based for measuring.

### **Benchmark 2: Environment**

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

- Actual Results: 33,280 lbs. of hazardous waste (30% reduction from 2022)  
127,040 lbs. of electronic waste (2% reduction from 2021)

### **Benchmark 3: Public Works**

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: 88.4 was the average rating for the 147 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 3.5 Pavement Quality Index (PQI) after the last Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) road survey in 2023. This rating falls into the good category. In 2023, 20.96 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed. This is determined every other year, so new data will be conducted next year.

### **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 2023, averaging 7.35 days to return paper documents and 1.35 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: 94.45% | Residential: 93.02% | Commercial/Industrial: 80.20%

## **Benchmark 8: Elections**

Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately): Post election review by hand count of Burnstown and Home Townships precincts on 11/21/2022 confirmed 100%, which was completed by precinct election judges and administrative election officials. There were public observers present.

Brown County did not have any special elections during 2023.

## **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.

## **Benchmark 10: Veterans' Services**

Dollars brought into the county for veterans' benefits:

- Actual Results: During 2023, Brown County veterans received \$21,163,000 in benefits.
- Prior year was \$20,929,000.

## **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 2023 resulting in 3 fatalities.
- Actual Results: There were 27 personal injury accidents in 2023.
- Actual Results: There were 142 property damage accidents in 2023.

## **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. In 2023, 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.

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.