

**Resolution No. 2018-18**  
**Brown County Resolution**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Windschitl and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on June 26, 2018 at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, Mn:

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Legislature created the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2011 the council released a standard set of ten performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services, and

**WHEREAS**, counties that elect to participate in the Performance Measures Program for 2018 are eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita in local government aid, and are also exempt from levy limits under section 275.70 to 275.74 for taxes payable in the following calendar year, if levy limits are in effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following performance benchmarks were adopted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners:

- **Environment:** Recycling percentage and Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected.
- **Public Works:** Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating, Hours to plow complete system during a snow event and Average county pavement condition rating.
- **Property Records/Valuation/Assessment:** Turn-around time for recording, indexing and returning real estate documents and Level of assessment ratio.
- **Elections:** Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately).
- **Budget/Financial:** Bond rating.
- **Veterans Services:** Dollars brought into county for veteran's benefits.
- **Public Safety:** Total number of accidents that occur on CSAH, County Roads and Township Roads.
- **Public Health:** General life expectancy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the results of the adopted performance measures will be shared on the Brown County website and at the public hearing for proposed taxes by December 31, 2018.

Seconded by Commissioner Borchert 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
Chairman, Brown County

ATTEST:

  
Administrator, Brown County

**CERTIFICATION**

State of Minnesota  
County of Brown

I, Charles Enter, 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 26th day of June, 2018, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
County Administrator

# 2018 Performance Measures Report

## Brown County, Minnesota



### This Report Contains:

- Resolution 2018.18 – Authorizing Participation in the 2018 Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2018

Respectfully Submitted to the  
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor  
By: Jean Prochniak, Auditor-Treasurer

## **Actual Results of 2018 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County (All reported results are for 2017, except where otherwise noted)**

***Executive Summary:*** The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2018 Performance Measure Program on June 26, 2018. Resolution 2018-18 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: 58% of total waste in the county is recycled. Brown County continues to increase its recycling participation. We now have single-sort recycling for all residents in the county. Residents in municipalities have curbside recycling access, while rural residents have numerous collection points throughout the county.

*(Note: Brown County has been working with the state to more accurately report recycling numbers. After discussions on what should or shouldn't be reported for recycling, we have revised our 2016 recycling rate reported to the MPCA from 67% to 45%.)*

### **Benchmark 2: Environment**

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected:

- Actual Results:               40,835 lbs. of hazardous waste  
                                      634,000 lbs. of electronic waste

*(Note: In the 2017 Performance Measures Report, the pounds of electronic waste were inaccurately reported. The actual electronic waste recycled for 2016 was 410,000 pounds.)*

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

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: The average rating for the 145 bridges throughout the county remained at 91.7, on a scale of 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: Average Pavement Condition was measured at 3.4 PQI by MnDOT in 2017, which falls into the good category. 28 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed in 2017.

### **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 2017 averaging 8.36 days to return paper documents and 1.75 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: 92.56% | Residential: 97.58% | Commercial/Industrial: 89.12%

*(Note: The commercial/industrial ratio was affected by the Aldi land sale. Excluding vacant land sales, the ratio is 92.43%.)*

### **Benchmark 8: Elections**

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

- Actual Results: Post election review of School District 81 special election indicated 100% accuracy in ballot counts, which was completed by the school district.

### **Benchmark 9: Budget/Financial**

Bond rating:

- Actual Results: Standard & Poor's Global Ratings "AA" was certified in 2017.

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

Dollars brought into the county for veterans' benefits:

Actual Results: 2017 data is currently not available. During 2016, Brown County veterans received \$15,630,000 in benefits.

### **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: 0 for 2016 – Fatalities are not finalized for 2017 until the third quarter of 2018 due to injuries that may have occurred in 2017 and resulted in a later death.
- Actual Results: There were 39 personal injury accidents in 2017.

### **Benchmark 12: Public Health**

General life expectancy:

- Actual Results: Female life expectancy is 83 years and male life expectancy is 77.1 years. Brown County ranks 30 out of 87 for length of life. Along with community partners, Public Health has focused on initiatives that improve quality of over quantity. Goals include reducing chronic and communicable diseases, injury reduction, and impacting the rate of suicide.