

Resolution No 2026-17
Brown County Resolution

Performance Measurement Program

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Berg and moved for adoption at a regular board meeting held on June 23rd, 2026, 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

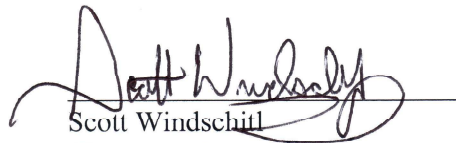
WHEREAS, the Brown County Board has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

THEREFORE, BE IT 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 THAT, 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 Windschitl 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 5 Nays 0.
Dated this 23rd day of June 2026.

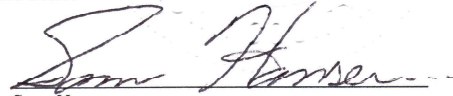

Scott Windschitl
Chairman, Brown County

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 23rd day of June, 2026, 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 23rd day of June 2026.


Sam Hansen
County Administrator

2026 Performance Measures Report

Brown County, Minnesota



This Report Contains:

- Res. No. 2026-19: Adoption of the 2026 Performance Measures Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2025

Respectfully Submitted to the
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor
Prepared by: Resa Harris, Assistant Auditor-Treasurer

Actual Results of 2026 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County **(All reported results are for 2025, except where otherwise noted)**

Executive Summary: The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2026 Performance Measure Program on June 23, 2026. Resolution No. 2026-19 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: In 2025, 42.3% of the county's total waste was recycled, representing a 4.8% increase from 2024. Of the 38,450.53 tons of waste generated, 16,254.1 tons were recycled. The county's recycling rate has shown steady growth over the past three years, reflecting a continuing positive trend in waste diversion efforts.

➤ Benchmark 2: Environment

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

- Actual Results: 37,544 lbs. of hazardous waste – 16.4% reduction from 2024
121,009 lbs. of electronic waste – 22.5% increase from 2024

Benchmark 3: Public Works

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: 88.52 was the average rating for the 149 bridges throughout the county, on a scale of 1-100. The decrease in rate is due to a change in the Bridge Rating System.

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, however, MnDOT was behind schedule and new data will be processed in 2026.
- In 2025, 17.12 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 2025 averaging 7.25 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: 101.25% | Residential: 91.99% | Commercial/Industrial: 88.74%

Benchmark 8: Elections

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

- Actual Results: There were no special elections held in 2025.

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 1/21/2025, 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 2024, Brown County veterans received \$22,260,872 in benefits.
- The prior year was \$21,163,000.

Note: Fiscal year 2025 results are anticipated to be released in September of 2026.

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 0 fatal accidents in 2025 resulting in 0 fatalities down 2 from 2024.
- Actual Results: There were 14 personal injury accidents in 2025 down 5 from 2024.
- Actual Results: There were 134 property damage accidents in 2025 down 10 from 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 2025.

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 an employee 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.

Our public health agency works to support the health, safety, and well-being of everyone in Brown County through collaboration with community partners, respectful, compassionate care, and data driven public service that helps build strong communities. In 2025, Brown County Public Health worked to improve the overall health and well-being of residents through community partnerships with area businesses, schools, non-profits, and community members of all ages. Public health services and health education opportunities are offered wherever there is a need — whether in the office, at a community event, or in a resident's home — with a focus on promoting physical and social-emotional health and preventing both chronic and communicable diseases. A community health assessment also took place in 2025 that highlighted areas that will help guide the work of Public Health and its partners towards the vision of strong, connected communities where everyone has the chance to live a healthy and safe life.

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.