

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 4, 2023

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Deputy Tom Elmer, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, and members of the public M. Steele, and K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees J. Blair, L. Mehrhof, B. Rauenhorst, M. Lore, S. Robbins, P. Krill, S. Hauskins, and L. Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the March 21, 2023 regular and drainage meetings.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 4, 2023, with a correction, striking the word “contract” from item #12.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on the AMC Legislative update, State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, MVAC, and HRA. Roper reported on Rural Minnesota Energy Board, and drug steering court. Young reported on Planning and Zoning, and Extension. Loveall reported on One Watershed, One Plan. Anderson reported on MRCI, and Extension.

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Planning & Zoning Administrator Sara Hauskins met regarding office business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the 2022 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report.

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SWCD Co Program Administrator Nathan Carr met to present the draft Le Sueur River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to support the submittal of the final draft Le Sueur River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to BWSR and the other plan review agencies by the Policy Committee of the Le Sueur River One Water One Plan Planning Partnership.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-22 classifying and setting basic sales price of tax forfeited land. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS,** the Faribault County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

**WHEREAS,** said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and the County Board has considered the following:

1. The present use of all parcels of property adjacent to the parcels
2. The potential productivity of the soil that is part of the tax-forfeited land,
3. The character of any forest or other vegetation growing on the tax-forfeited land,
4. The existing and potential accessibility of the tax-forfeited land to established roads, schools, and other public services,
5. The suitability or desirability of the tax-forfeited land for uses, and
6. The suitability of the land's forest resources for multiple uses and sustained yield management, and

**WHEREAS,** the goal of the classification is to achieve the following:

1. Encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property;
2. Reduce local and state government expenses;
3. Conserve and develop the state's natural resources; and
4. Encourage economic development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners classifies parcel 09.008.0801 as "Non-Conservation Land" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land on the Forfeited Tax Classification & Appraisal List 2023-B, copies of which are on file in the office of the County Auditor, have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01 subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the list has received approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to be offered for sale, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the basic sales price for parcel 09.008.0801 be set as \$10,000, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the county auditor hold the public auction for said parcel at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the front steps of the courthouse, 415 North Main Street, Blue Earth, MN.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-23 setting sale date and parcel list 2023-B. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

### **R E S O L U T I O N**

#### **Resolution Approving Public Landowner Tax Forfeiture Auction Date and Parcel List 2023-B**

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners of Faribault County, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01, and

**WHEREAS**, that the basic sale price of each parcel on List 2023-B of Tax Forfeited Land has been set by the County Board of Commissioners and is on file with the County Auditor-Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the parcels of tax forfeited land listed on List 2023-B of Tax Forfeited Land be approved and the authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of said Tax Forfeited Land will be at 9:00AM, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, to be held outside at the front steps of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street, Blue Earth, MN with an alternate location, if inclement weather, of just inside the main courthouse door in the hallway of the Main Level, by the Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer for not less than the basic sale price and that all sales shall be in full payment at the time of the sale.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously approving courthouse HVAC electrical change order #12 to add attic lighting at a cost of \$847.22.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve agenda item #13 courthouse HVAC mechanical contract change order #4 at a savings of \$5,219.99, item #14 courthouse HVAC electrical contract change order #3 at a cost of \$7,024.86, and item #15 courthouse HVAC demolition contract change order #4 at a savings of \$263.77, pending review by Commissioners Young and Anderson as the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser after discussing the changes at the construction meeting to be held the next morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit application for Ducks Unlimited Lost Marsh Chapter 105 to operate bingo and a raffle on April 29, 2023.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS grant in the amount of \$3,000 to Michel and Audrey Henkel for parcel #11.033.0101 in Kiester Township.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley and Office Coordinator Erin Beske met regarding acceptance of electronic payments for gun permits, civil process and records fees.

Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser spoke expressing his concerns about liability, fraud exposure, and increased workload placed on his department as potential consequences of the board granting the request and of the request that was granted at the 2023 Park Committee Meeting.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried to approve using LexisNexis to offer the option of paying by credit card at the Faribault County Sheriff's Office at a one-time cost of \$550. Commissioner Groskreutz voted no; Commissioners Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

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Engineer Mark Daly and Public Works Accountant Jennifer Luhmann met regarding office business. Project updates were given.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-RB02-21 for the FY 2024 Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**For Grant Contract Agreement**  
**Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program**  
**FY 2024 Maintenance and Grooming Grants**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the County of Faribault act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the snowmobile trails managed by Faribault County Trails/ Blue Earth Snow Rovers Snowmobile Club/ Stateliners Snowmobile Club.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that upon approval of its application by the State, The County of Faribault may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above

referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department and Darren Esser County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator are authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

Discussion was held regarding dust control.

Loveall motion to appropriate \$5,000 to set up dust control on CSAH 14 died for lack of a second.

No action was taken.

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Amber Patten with CEDA met regarding EDA business.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve a draw request from Bevcomm for broadband infrastructure work completed through the end of 2022.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from P. Olson to attend a Mn Inspection Program Certification training in Mendota Heights; J. Blair to attend a Southern Region Mn Assoc of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers meeting in Morton; and G. Paschke and K. Bendickson to attend the Mn Assoc of Assessing Officers Summer Seminar in St. Cloud.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 383,029.28 as follows:

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| GENERAL REVENUE FUND | \$ 68,049.93  |
| PUBLIC WORKS FUND    | 46,409.66     |
| HUMAN SERVICES FUND  | 233,518.58    |
| DITCH FUND           | 33,782.25     |
| NON REV/ DISB A FUND | 1,268.86      |
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|                      | \$ 383,029.28 |

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The meeting was recessed to April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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Bruce Anderson, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board

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