

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 2, 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 May 2, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, 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, M. Eckhardt, K. Anderson, and M. Lore.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the April 18, 2023 regular and drainage meetings.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of May 2, 2023.

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The calendar was updated.

Dan Woodring with Interfaith Caregivers spoke during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on the AMC Legislative update, a meeting regarding the proposed Trinity Sober Home in Clark Twp, Corrections Advisory Committee, State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, and HRA. Roper reported on drainage meetings. Young reported on Planning & Zoning, and Extension. Loveall reported on Region Nine and One Watershed, One Plan.

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Planning & Zoning Administrator Sara Hauskins met regarding office business. A public hearing was held regarding the Planning & Zoning department's Intent to Enact/Amend the Faribault County Feedlot Ordinance.

No public comment was received.

Loveall/Roper motion carried to approve Resolution 23-PZ04-31 matching the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's animal unit (AU) calculations. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes, Young voted no.

RESOLUTION
AMENDMENT TO THE FEEDLOT ORDINANCE

THE COUNTY BOARD OF FARIBAULT COUNTY ORDAINS:

That SECTION 4: D – GENERAL GUIDELINES of the Faribault County Feedlot Ordinance is amended as follows:

D. SECTION FOUR - GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. ANIMAL UNITS, AREA REQUIREMENTS, AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

Based on Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020, incorporated by reference as amended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Animal	A.U per Animal	100 A.U.
equals		
One mature dairy cow	1.4	71 animals
One dairy calf under 500 lbs	.5	200 animals
One slaughter steer or heifer	1.0	100 animals
One horse	1.0	100 animals
One swine 55 lbs. Or more	.4	250 animals
One swine under 55 lbs.	.05	2,000 animals
One suckling pig	.01	10,000 animals
One duck	.2	500 animals
One sheep	.1	1,000 animals
One turkey 10 lbs. Or more	.018	555 animals
One turkey under 10 lbs.	.01	10,000 animals
One chicken	.01	10,000 animals

- ☐ ~~For any animals not appearing in the above chart,~~

The average weight of the animal divided by 1,000lbs. will determine its AU value.

That SECTION 4: – RULES AND DEFINITIONS of the Faribault County Ordinance is amended as follows:

SECTION 4 - RULES AND DEFINITIONS

B. DEFINITIONS

3. Animal Unit (AU)* - A unit of measure used to compare differences in the production of animal manure that employs as a standard the amount of manure produced on a regular basis by a slaughter steer or heifer. ~~The following equivalents shall apply:~~
Based on Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020, incorporated by reference as amended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

- ~~a. — one mature dairy cow, 1.4 animal unit;~~
- ~~b. — one slaughter steer or heifer, 1.0 animal unit;~~
- ~~c. — one horse, 1.0 animal unit;~~
- ~~d. — one swine over 55 pounds; 0.4 animal unit;~~
- ~~e. — one duck, 0.02 animal unit;~~
- ~~f. — one sheep, 0.1 animal unit;~~
- ~~g. — one swine under 55 pounds, 0.05 animal unit;~~
- ~~h. — one turkey, 0.018 animal unit;~~
- ~~i. — one chicken, 0.01 animal unit.~~

~~*As amended by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.~~

~~For animals not listed in items a to i,~~ The number of AU shall be defined as the average weight of the animal divided by 1,000 pounds.

Young/Groskreutz motion failed to direct the Planning Commission to review the Conditional Use Permit process regarding animal units and bring a recommendation back to the board.

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Mark Daly met regarding Public Works business. Project updates were given.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid from ICON Constructors in the amount of \$1,379,607.35 for 2023 bridge replacement projects SAP 022-599-117 and SAP 022-599-122.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve courthouse HVAC change orders #13 through #20 at a net cost of \$ 3,624.81 and directing Commissioner Young to sign after review with the construction manager.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously motion approving the cleaning contract with Midwest Specialty Maintenance for the courthouse HVAC project and directing Commissioner Young to sign on behalf of the board chair.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously retroactively approving the 3-year HRA administration contract with MVAC effective March 30, 2023.

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Discussion was held regarding the county SSTS loan policy and limitations. No changes were made to the policy, and it was the interpretation of the board that a homestead classification would not be a requirement going forward.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously approving an SSTS loan to Steven and Nancy Holmseth in the amount of \$14,647.18 for parcel #08.023.0301 in Emerald Township.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously approving an SSTS grant to Clint Hall in the amount of \$3,000 for parcel #20.020.0700 in Winnebago Township.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from J. Blair to attend the Mn Assoc of County Auditors, Treasurers & Finance Officers Summer Conference in Brainerd; and E. Beske to attend a Civil Process Legislative Update and Critical Issues Workshop in Shakopee.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve a training request from J. Schmidtke to attend the National Assoc of County Veterans Service Officers Conference in Madison, WI.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:
Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 796,663.16 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 286,316.40
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	23,914.04
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	473,518.58
DITCH FUND	11,924.50
NON REV/ DISB A FUND	989.64
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	\$ 796,663.16

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The meeting was recessed to May 16th, 2023.

Bruce Anderson, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board