

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 15, 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 August 15, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Engineer/Coordinator Mark Daly, Deputy Tom Elmer, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, and member of the public K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees B. Rauenhorst, P. Krill, S. Robbins, C. Lewis, L. Mehrhof, 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 July 31, 2023 special meeting, August 1, 2023 regular and drainage meetings, and August 11, 2023 special meeting.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of August 15, 2023 with an addition.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on personnel committee, constituent calls, and transit. Roper reported on a workforce conference in Duluth, and drug court steering committee. Anderson reported on personnel committee.

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Kristian Braekkan and Mercedes Sempe with the Region Nine Development Commission gave a presentation on the regional trends in economic development.

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Loren Dauer from Congressman Brad Finstad's office met to give a legislative update.

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Veterans Service Officer Jenna Schmidtke met regarding office business.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica to transport county veterans to and from the Minneapolis VA Medical Center from Lager's Chrysler for the quoted price of \$44,282.00. Two other bids were received from Dodge of Burnsville for a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica for \$42,378.00 with a wait time 40-45 weeks; and Waseca Chrysler Center for \$44,509.00.

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Blue Earth City Administrator Mary Kennedy, Wells City Administrator Connor LaPointe, and Winnebago City Administrator Judi Hynes met to discuss the New Construction Tax Abatement Policy. Annie Nichols and Amy Schaefer with CEDA also attended.

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Nathan Carr met regarding Soil & Water.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Blue Earth River Watershed One Watershed One Plan planning process.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Anderson to the Blue Earth River One Watershed One Plan policy committee, and Commissioner Roper as an alternate.

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Allen Aukes with Midwest IT Systems, Inc met regarding the county's network switches.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the proposal from Midwest IT Systems, Inc to replace network switches at a cost of \$18,927.88.

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Building/Facilities Maintenance Director Saxon Warmka met regarding office business. Potential projects and needed repairs were discussed.

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

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid in the amount of \$319,385.25 from NuWay K&H Coop for CP 23-600-02, 2023 Fuel Supply. No other bids were received.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve a license agreement with Daniel Warmka to construct and maintain a drain tile system within the County Highway 113 right-of-way. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

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Discussion was held regarding rules of decorum and public comment during board meetings.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-72 approving the repurchase of tax forfeited parcel number 30.345.0520 by the prior owner. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

Representative for Miller Estates, LLC, Tyler Guzzo, joined the meeting virtually.

R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, Parcel 30.345.0520 was forfeited to the State of Minnesota in favor of the Taxing Districts and

Whereas, the prior owner, Miller Estates, LLC, has applied to repurchase the parcel pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.241 to 282.324, and

Whereas, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has considered the application to repurchase the parcel and finds that it would be a hardship for the owner to lose their home, that the repurchase would correct an injustice, and that the repurchase would be in the public's best interest,

Be it Resolved that Miller Estates, LLC, the former owner of parcel #30.245.0520 described as Lots 31, 32, and 33, of Block 2, Garlock's Addition to the City of Wells, Faribault County, Minnesota be allowed to repurchase said parcel with the payment in full of the reinstated taxes, assessments, fees and costs as follows:

Basic Sales Price (Tax, Special Assessments, Penalty, Interest, Fees)					3,171.97
State Deed Tax					10.47
State Deed Fee					25.00
County Service Fee					100.00
County Forfeiture Fee					120.00
County Recording Fee					46.00
2023 Taxes					1,517.35
Total Repurchase Price					<u>\$ 4,990.79</u>

Be it Further Resolved that the repurchase price was paid in full on July 31, 2023.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously approving acceptance of Certificate of Substantial Completion from Midwest Specialty Maintenance for the courthouse HVAC project.

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A 2024 budget work session was scheduled for 1:00pm on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the boardroom.

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The 2023 Truth in Taxation meeting was scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the boardroom.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS grant to Colton Anderson in the amount of \$3,000.00 for parcel 01.006.1100 in Barber Township.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the fiscal year 2022 emergency management grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Broden Thompson as a part-time dispatch/jailer.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from A. Wachlin to attend the MDRA Annual Meeting in St. Cloud, M. Leschefske to attend a Karpel Users Group meeting in Waite Park, and E. Beske to attend an Advanced Civil Process training in St. Paul.

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

Auditor warrants for July 1 to July 31, 2023 totaling \$781,157.84 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for July 1 to July 31, 2023		
Date	Amount	Description
7/6/2023 Total	289,997.38	Auditor Warrants
7/13/2023 Total	350,402.80	Auditor Warrants
7/20/2023 Total	23,031.49	Auditor Warrants
7/27/2023 Total	117,726.17	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	781,157.84	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for July 1 to July 31, 2023 totaling \$1,624,324.76 as follows:

ACH/EFT Approval List for July 1 to July 31, 2023		
Date	Amount	Description
7/6/2023 Total	289,364.74	Auditor Warrants
7/11/2023 Total	1,086,349.04	Commissioner Warrants
7/13/2023 Total	68,368.51	Auditor Warrants
7/18/2023 Total	175,044.63	Commissioner Warrants
7/20/2023 Total	1,567.45	Auditor Warrants
7/27/2023 Total	3,630.39	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	\$ 1,624,324.76	Total ACH/EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 4,535,676.18 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 82,074.27
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	4,435,585.35
DITCH FUND	13,303.71
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	828.00
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND - REC	3,861.50
NON-REV/DISB A	25.35
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	\$ 4,535,676.18

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned for August 2023.

Bruce Anderson, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board