

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 3, 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 October 3, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Coordinator Brian Hov, Engineer/Coordinator Mark Daly, 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 staff S. Robbins, T. Hanevik, E. Beske, L. Frommie, and M. Lore.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the September 19, 2023 regular and drainage meetings.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of October 3, 2023.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on EDA, a State Community Health Services Advisory retreat, and constituent calls regarding Bass Lake. Roper reported on Traverse des Sioux Library Board, RMEB legislative updates and solid waste committee, and drainage meetings with Kossuth County Iowa. Young reported on a construction meeting. Loveall gave some background on the Bass Lake Clean Water Coalition. Anderson reported on Personnel Committee.

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Casey Westhoff with MRCI presented an update.

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A public hearing was held to consider a resolution to abate the county portion of property tax according to the New Construction Property Tax Abatement Policy. Tiffany Schrader with the City of Wells attended.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried approving Resolution 23-CB-79 abating the county portion of property tax on parcel 30.591.0220 in the City of Wells. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N
RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR
CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN FARIBAULT COUNTY

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 469.1813 gives authority to Faribault County to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, the Faribault County has adopted a Tax Abatement Policy for New Construction of Single and Multi-Family Homes; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 200 3rd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097, Parcel ID: 30.591.0220 will be developed into a single-family or multi-family home; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey & Stacy Miller have made an application to the City of Wells for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel with approved resolution #23-29; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey & Stacy Miller have made an application to the County of Faribault for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, the applicant(s) and the County of Faribault have met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute § 469.1813, subd. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Faribault County does hereby grant an abatement of the County share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel.

The tax abatement will be 100% of the county's portion of property taxes. The abatement period will begin not more than two years following approval of this resolution.

Faribault County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record by December 30th of that calendar year.

The abatement shall be null and void if property taxes are not paid on or before the respective payment due dates each year.

County staff and county officials are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any agreements, certificates or other documents that the City determines are necessary to implement this Resolution.

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

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Building/Facilities Maintenance Director Saxon Warmka met regarding office business.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$89,919 from Harty Mechanical for two new roof top air conditioning units for the courthouse annex, with the electrical subcontractor to be determined by the Building/Facilities Maintenance Director later.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$22,486 from Anderson Electric Inc. for updating the lighting in the courthouse annex building.

The courthouse retaining wall was discussed. No action was taken.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$21,760 from All Star Basements for waterproofing the courthouse walls.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the total project estimate in the amount of \$83,200 from Neilsen Blacktopping Inc. for the law enforcement center parking lot.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$28,005 from Moore Construction for concrete work on the courthouse driveway and four bollards installed around the generator.

Other projects were discussed including courthouse tower work, windows, and restroom updates. No action was taken.

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Deputy Assessor Steve Robbins was recognized for 41 years of service with the county.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend in the amount of \$50 per month for Brian Hov.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve increasing Human Services rent by 3% beginning January 1, 2024 for the courthouse annex building.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Kevin White as a full-time dispatch/jailer.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from M. Cook to attend the Southeastern Mn Extension County Support Staff Professional Development Day in Mankato.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from A. Huber to the Regional Meeting of the MN Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, Financial Officers (MACATFO) in Morton, adding meal reimbursement.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 350,939.16 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 46,521.28
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	23,363.00
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	233,518.58
DITCH FUND	46,015.88
NON REV/ DISB A FUND	1,520.42
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The meeting was recessed to October 17th, 2023.

Bruce Anderson, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board