

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 2, 2024

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 January 2, 2024. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Coordinator Brian Hov, 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 L. Mehrhof, E. Skaden, B. Rauenhorst, A. Wachlin, S. Hauskins, A. Sathoff, T. Hanevik, E. Beske, L. Frommie, L. Adams, and M. Sonnek.

The meeting was called to order by County Coordinator Brian Hov.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Coordinator Hov called for nominations for board chair for the year 2024.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Groskreutz as chair for 2024.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Groskreutz as chair for 2024.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Roper as vice-chair for 2024.

Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Roper as vice-chair for 2024.

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

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of January 2, 2024.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 24-CB-02 appointing Brady Rauenhorst as the Faribault County Assessor for a term ending December 31, 2024. Commissioners Anderson, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Groskreutz voted yes.

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

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statute §273.061, subdivision 1, requires the appointment of a County Assessor, and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes 273.061, subdivision 2, provides for the term of four years to begin on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Faribault, Minnesota, that Brady Rauenhorst be and hereby is appointed to the position of Faribault County Assessor effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Rauenhorst took the oath of office.

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SWCD Co Program Administrator Nate Carr and Planning & Zoning Administrator Sara Hauskins met regarding the annual contract renewal between Faribault County and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Faribault County Soil & Water Conservation District contract for services.

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Andy Geiger of Prairieland met regarding solid waste business.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve 2024 licenses for solid waste/recycling haulers in Faribault County as listed.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to set the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. as regular board meeting dates for 2024.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2024:

AMC Committees and Meetings  
City and Township meetings  
County Drainage Ditch Committee  
County Library System Committee

County Public Works Committee  
County Purchasing, Building, and Building Maintenance Committee  
County Solid Waste and Pollution Control Committee  
Faribault/Martin County Human Service Board  
Faribault/Martin County Transit Board  
Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
Prairieland Solid Waste Management Board

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2024 as follows:

Anderson as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Ag Task Force  
Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment  
Anderson as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– General Government  
Young as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Transportation  
Groskreutz as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Health and Human Services  
Roper as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Public Safety  
Chair and Vice Chair to Buildings and Grounds  
Chair to Citizens Advisory Committee on Court Services  
Chair and Vice Chair to Corrections Advisory  
Roper to Drug Court Steering Committee and Veteran Drug Court, Anderson as alternate  
Groskreutz and Young to Economic Development Agency/Local Redevelopment Agency  
Groskreutz to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers, Young as alternate  
Groskreutz to Toward Zero Deaths  
Anderson and Young to Extension  
Groskreutz to Housing Redevelopment Agency  
Young to Huntley Sewer Service District, Roper as alternate  
Roper and Loveall to Insurance committee  
Chair and Vice Chair to Investment  
Young to Labor Management with Roper as alternate  
Chair to Law Library  
Anderson to Mankato Rehabilitation Center Inc., Groskreutz as alternate  
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate, coordinator as alternate  
Groskreutz to Minnesota Valley Action Council  
Roper and Anderson to Parks  
Chair and Vice Chair to Personnel/Labor Negotiations  
Young to Planning and Zoning, Anderson as alternate  
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety  
Loveall to Region Nine  
Anderson to River Alliance (11 County) with Loveall as alternate  
Young to Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District  
Roper to Rural Mn Energy Board, Groskreutz as alternate  
Chair and Vice Chair to SWCD  
Loveall and Young to Solid Waste/Recycling  
Groskreutz to South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board, Young alternate  
Roper to Traverse des Sioux (TDS) Regional Library System Board  
Roper to Private Industry Council and Workforce  
Groskreutz and Anderson to Weed Control  
Anderson and Loveall to Wetland Bank  
Young to 9-1-1, Roper as alternate

District 4 & 5 Commissioners to One Watershed One Plan

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 24-CB-01 setting the gopher bounty for 2024. Commissioners Anderson, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Groskreutz voted yes.

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

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 348.12, provides that the County Board of Commissioners may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of certain animals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that pursuant to said statute, there is paid a bounty of two dollars (\$2.00) for each pocket gopher destroyed and fifty cents (\$.50) to be paid for each striped and grey gopher destroyed in Faribault County during the year 2024.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously authorizing commissioners, other officials, county coordinator, and the human resources director to attend association, region, and district meetings.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint the full board, auditor/treasurer, county coordinator, human resources director, assessor, and recorder as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties in 2024.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to set 2024 per diems for lay committee members the same as in 2023 at \$40 per half day and \$80 per full day, and set mileage reimbursement for citizen committee members, officials, and employees at the 2024 IRS rate of 67 cents per mile.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint citizen committee members Douglas Bruckhoff and Kerry Doyle each to a 3-year term on Extension ending December 31, 2026; Yvonne Cory to a 5-year term on HRA ending December 31, 2028; and Allen Aukes and Morris Hanson, Jr each to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment ending December 31, 2026.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the Faribault County Register as the official County newspaper for 2024 at a rate of \$3.60 per column inch.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to update the Faribault County Personnel Policy to include a new Earned Sick & Safe Time policy.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a change order proposal from Abdo Solutions to continue financial services in auditor/treasurer's office through March 31, 2024.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a proposal from Abdo Solutions to prepare a Capital Asset Policy and a Budget Policy to address audit findings at a cost of \$4,680.00.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the request to issue a credit card to Brady Rauenhurst with a limit of \$2,500 for uses approved in the Faribault County Credit Card Policy.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the request to issue a credit card to Dennis Wick with a limit of \$2,500 for uses approved in the Faribault County Credit Card Policy.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend in the amount of \$50 per month for Taylor Doering.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 1,297,211.95 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 90,878.76
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	75,639.59
DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,012,420.00
DITCH FUND	116,678.73
ADVANCE TAX & OTHER	1,568.25
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND	3.30
NON REV/ DISB AGE	23.32
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	\$ 1,297,211.95

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The meeting was recessed to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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Bill Groskreutz, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board

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