

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 6, 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 February 6, 2024. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Coordinator Brian Hov, County Attorney Cameron Davis, 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 staff L. Mehrhof, E. Skaden, A. Wachlin, S. Hauskins, A. Sathoff, E. Beske, S. Robbins, and M. Sonnek, and member of the public M. Steele.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the January 16, 2024 regular, drainage, and joint drainage meetings.

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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 6, 2024.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on buildings & grounds, and HRA. Roper reported on South Central Workforce Development. Loveall reported on One Watershed, One Plan. Anderson reported on MRCI. Groskreutz reported on Rural Mn Energy Board, MVAC, a League of Mn Cities EMS meeting, meetings regarding the CR60 work and railroad crossing, South Central EMS, TZD, and personnel committee.

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Jennifer Howard, Celia Simpson, and Amber Patten with CEDA met to present the 2023 Annual EDA Report.

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Chief Deputy Scott Adams met regarding sheriff's office business.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a snowmobile grant for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$2,001.00 per year.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an ATV grant for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$4,294.00 per year.

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Dennis Wick and Taylor Doering met regarding public works business. Department updates were given.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the low bid for SAP 022-611-009 2024 Overlays from Ulland Brothers in the amount of \$1,994,840.62. One other bid was received from Minnesota Paving & Materials for \$2,542,013.25.

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Representative Peggy Bennett gave legislative updates.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint Kendall Olson, Kim Poole, and Tammy Emery to the 2022-2024 Ballot Board to complete the terms of previously appointed staff who are no longer employed with the county.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the engagement letter for the audit of Faribault County for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the updated lease agreement with the City of Blue Earth for the Planning & Zoning, Drainage, and Soil & Water office spaces in the Ag Center.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Sarah Van Moer as HR Generalist, Luke Schonborn as Drainage Inspector, Amanda Shoff as Human Resources Director, Nadia Lane as Senior Treasurer Clerk, and Cody Schwarz as Maintenance Worker II.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a 60-month rental agreement with Metro Sales, Inc for a new copier/printer/scanner at a cost of \$209.36 per month.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from T. Doering, J. Oswald, and B. Schaper to attend the District 7 Engineers and Technicians Conference in Mankato; V. Do to attend an online Emergency Risk Protection Order training; B. Bonin to attend the Special Operations Training Association Conference in St. Cloud; J. Luhmann to attend the Mn County Highway Accountants Conference in St. Cloud; A. Sathoff and T. Emery to attend

Election Administrator Training in Nisswa; J. Oswald and B. Schaper to attend the 2024 Frontier Precision Mn Survey Users Group and MnDOT 2024 Survey Technical Workshop in Breezy Point; and M. Lore and L. Schonborn to attend the AMC Drainage Conference in Alexandria.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from B. Werner and J. Warmka to attend an ATSSA ‘How To’ Conference in Fargo, ND.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a training request from J. Schmidtke to attend the NACVSO Leadership Summit in Washington D.C.

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Discussion was held regarding per diems and travel expenses.

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Discussion was held regarding ways to attract a new county engineer.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to direct staff to bring forward a resolution in support of a wolf hunting and trapping season in response to the request sent by Hunters for Hunters.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to accept the notice of the pay equity report being submitted on time.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 1,602,137.16 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 580,526.67
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	695,352.04
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	244,961.00
DITCH FUND	78,104.75
NON REV/ DISB AGE	3,192.70
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The meeting was recessed to February 20th, 2024.

Bill Groskreutz, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board