

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 5, 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 March 5, 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 members of the public K. Mertens and M. Steele also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County staff L. Mehrhof, E. Skaden, A. Wachlin, M. Sonnek, D. Wick, L. Frommie, A. Sathoff, E. Beske, S. Robbins, and M. Lore.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of February 20, 2024 regular and drainage meetings.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of March 5, 2024 with additions.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Anderson reported on MRCL, and One Watershed, One Plan Blue Earth River. Groskreutz reported on the joint soil & water meeting, AMC Legislative Conference, Stronger Together, drainage meetings, transit, HRA, human services, and personnel committee.

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Saxon Warmka met regarding buildings & grounds.

Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids for the Faribault County Courthouse window project.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids for the Faribault County Public Works Blue Earth Shop roof.

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Dennis Wick and Taylor Doering met regarding public works business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids for the 2024 CIPP Project.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids for the CSAH 16 Lighting Project.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 24-RB01-13 the 2023 Overlays Final Resolution. Commissioners Loveall, Anderson, Roper, Young, and Groskreutz voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, SAP 022-609-010, etal, 2023 Overlay Project has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, the final contract amount is \$8,908,871.41 which is \$729,771.16 (7.5%) less than the original contract bid of \$9,638,642.57 and

WHEREAS, to date \$8,463,427.84 has been paid to the contractor leaving the balance of \$445,443.57; and

WHEREAS, the work has been performed satisfactorily and all necessary forms have been completed and received by the Highway Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Faribault, Minnesota, that we do hereby accept said completed project and authorize final payment to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Discussion was held regarding dust control and the water project for the new campsites at Pihl's Park.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve moving forward with Bolton & Menk for engineering and permitting on the water project at Pihl's Park.

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

Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of three budgeted Ford F150 trucks for the low bid of \$152,339 (\$50,779.67 per truck) from Woodhouse Ford in Omaha, NE, and to sell five used squads for an estimated minimum of \$73,000 to offset the new squad purchases.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Loveall and Young to the 2024 Election Canvassing Board and to set 9:00 a.m. on March 8, 2024, in the courthouse board room as the time and place to convene for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Canvassing Board.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreements between Faribault County and the AFSCME, IUOE, LELS, and MNPEA bargaining units to finalize the Class and Comp wage study implementation. Commissioners Loveall, Anderson, Roper, Young, and Groskreutz voted yes.

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Discussion was held regarding the Derby Inn.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the proposal from CPS for AS400 cloud hosting services at a one-time cost of \$5,695 for installation and configuration, and a monthly hosting fee including i-Guard Plus of \$1,228.75.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the request for a county-issued cell phone for Amanda Shoff.

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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Kayla Brummond as the central services assistant.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a relocation reimbursement plan of up to \$5,000 of qualifying expenses to attract a new county engineer.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from N. Bleess to attend the Mn APCO/NENA Conference in Alexandria, C. Albers and T. Elmer to attend an Internal Affairs Investigations training in Brainerd, E. Bonin and T. Elmer to attend a Mn Financial Crimes Task Force Conference in Breezy Point, B. Bonin to attend an Active Threat Instructor Course in St. Paul, and B. Schaper and J. Oswald to attend a Concrete Ready-Mix Plant Monitor training in Mankato.

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Discussion was held regarding topics for Congressman Finstad's upcoming staffer visit.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 183,949.56 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 77,490.42
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	102,046.63
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	244,961.00
NON REV/ DISB AGE	4,412.51
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	\$ 183,949.56

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The meeting was recessed to March 19th, 2024.

Bill Groskreutz, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board