

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

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 4, 2020. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Kathryn Karjala, and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warmka. 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 21, 2020 regular meeting.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 4, 2020.

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The calendar was updated. The following member of the public appeared during public comment: Deputy District Director Neil Breitbarth from Representative Jim Hagedorn's office spoke regarding town hall meetings; and Rainbow Food Coop representatives Linda Wells and Maria Lindberg spoke regarding building concerns.

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Committee reports were given. Loveall reported on Region Nine; Warmka on RMEB and Park committee; Roper on Park committee, EDA, Family Drug Court, and South Central Workforce; Young on Blue Earth City Council; and Groskreutz on MVAC, HRA, and MRCI.

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Planning and Zoning Administrator Loria Rebuffoni met regarding office business.

Groskreutz/Roper approve the amendments and to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 35 – Renewable Energy Ordinance. Commissioner Loveall abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

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Jim Accurso, U.S. Census Bureau met regarding 2020 census. Forming a complete count committee of volunteers. Wells, Winnebago, and Blue Earth would form their own committees.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to endorse the US Census process and allow electronic information on county web site.

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Wells City Administrator CJ Holl met regarding annexation.

Groskreutz/Loveall to table petition from the City of Wells for the annexation of real property into the city.

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No member of the public appeared for Drainage Authority public comment.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-CB-16 to advance CSAH municipal funds from 2021 to 2020. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the County of Faribault is planning to implement County State Aid Street Project(s) in 2020 which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and

**WHEREAS,** said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project(s) through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Construction Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and

**WHEREAS,** the advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures:

	CSAH Reg	CSAH Mun
Account Balance as of date 1/30/2020	\$4,514,176	\$644,410
Less estimated disbursements:		
2019 Finals Multiple	\$375,502	\$228,989
Project SAP 022-623-003	\$1,736,000	\$0
Project SAP 022-601-027	\$150,000	\$0
Project SAP 022-616-027	\$2,018,007	\$1,168,200
Project SAP 022-030-005	\$100,000	\$0
Project Finals (overruns-if any)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Disbursements	\$3,756,207	\$1,397,249
Advance Amount		
(amount in excess of acct balance)	\$0	\$752,839

**WHEREAS,** repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5 & 7 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820, and

**WHEREAS,** the County acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Project(s) of the County of Faribault in an amount up to \$752,839 in accordance with

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Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9. We hereby authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to the Municipal Construction Account of said County from future year allocations until fully repaid.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to accept bid for a survey pickup from Marthaler for a Ram Classic SLT for \$34,379 and a topper and toolbox for \$8,079.68. Two other bids were received from Hawkins Chevrolet for a Chevy 1500 at \$35,256 and Fairmont Ford for a Ford F150 at \$36,986.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve leasing a Bobcat 3400 for eight months from Yeager Implement at \$300 per month and purchase a trailer for \$3,500.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to closed session for CD 24 litigation discussion with attorney. Present were Commissioners, County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Kathryn Karjala, Drainage Manager Merissa Lore, Drainage Project Manager Dustin Anderson, and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide.

Loveall/Groskreutz to re-open meeting. Meeting was called back to order. County Attorney Kathryn Karjala recapped the closed session.

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Meeting was recessed for lunch.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Young and Loveall the 2020 County Election Canvassing Board and set 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2020 to convene in the board room for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Canvassing Board.

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Young/Groskreutz to name Loveall and Warmka as County Board representatives to CD24 lawsuit hearing.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve requests from A. Huston to attend a 5-day FBI Basic Negotiator course in Cottage Grove, J. Peterson to attend a 1-day De-escalation/Intervention Strategies in Owatonna, and J. Blair to attend a 1-day Avenu Combined Tax & CAMA meeting in Waite Park.

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Recessed meeting until after drainage meeting.

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Meeting was reconvened at 3:00

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Darius Johnson as Maintenance Man II in the Highway Department.

Young/Roper motion carried to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers regarding retirement benefits. Commissioner Groskreutz, Roper, Warmka, and Young. Commissioner Loveall voted no.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 586,941.44 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 124,185.40
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	216,793.57
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	238,806.67
DITCH FUND	<u>7,155.80</u>
	\$ 586,941.44

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. February 18, 2020.

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Tom Warmka, Chair

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Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board