

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 21, 2020

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of April 7, 2020 in regular session via teleconference in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 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, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide were also present. Also participating in the call were Faribault County employees: K. Anderson, T. Beckman, J. Blair, M. Daly, T. Elmer, L. Frommie, C. Lewis, B. Rauenhurst, L. Rebuffoni, A. Scholtes, and B. Ziegler; members of public: Milt Steele and Kevin Mertens.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warmka. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the March 18 and 27, 2020 emergency meetings, and April 7, 2020 regular and drainage authority meetings. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 21, 2020. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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The calendar was updated. No one appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Warmka thanked Michele Hard, Marlys Jagerson, and Donna Steele for making 30 masks for county employees. Groskreutz reported on Transit exec, MRCI, and AMC webinars; Roper reported on MRCI; and Warmka reported on AMC Government webinar.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept sole bid for SAP 022-623-003 (CSAH 23) from Ulland Brothers for \$1,474,627.51. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to accept low bid for CP 20-600-09 2020 gravel crushing from Holtmeier for \$500,100. One other bid was received by Ulland Brothers for \$585,600. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept low bid for CP 20-600-20 2020 crack sealing from ASTECH for \$88,664. Other bids received were Allied Blacktop for \$149,998, Northwest Asphalt for \$198,110, and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$221,836.96. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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Crime Victim/Witness Coordinator Barb Ziegler met regarding Crime Victims' Rights week.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-CB-35 declaring April 19-25, 2020 as Crime Victims' Rights week. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS** the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims,
- WHEREAS** crime victims' rights acts passed here in Minnesota and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process,
- WHEREAS** the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process—not only victims—are appropriately educated about victims' rights,
- WHEREAS** supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals,
- WHEREAS** we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives,
- WHEREAS** advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts,
- WHEREAS** the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement—achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country—inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing,
- WHEREAS** we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future,
- WHEREAS** National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensure that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS** the Faribault County Victim/Witness Program is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19–25, 2020, as

Crime Victims' Rights Week

reaffirming this county's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-CB-36 that revokes Resolution 20-CB-34 that issued provisional layoff notices to four non-critical workers. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020 the Faribault County Board authorized the issuance of provisional layoff notices to four employees deemed non-critical by the Governor's Executive Order 20-20; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-33 on April 8, 2020 deeming said employees critical while also extending the stay at home order through May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is work available for said employees to complete both in their offices and from their homes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby orders the Central Services Director to revoke the issued provisional layoff notices to the following employees:

1. License Bureau Secretary
2. License Bureau Secretary
3. Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant
4. Extension Secretary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said revocations be effective retroactively to April 17, 2020.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to temporarily allow all probationary employees to utilize their PTO banks during their 6-month probationary period, with a sunset date of December 31, 2020, unless determined otherwise by board approval. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Barb Ziegler as Crime Victim/Witness Coordinator. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried to approve subordination of Small Cities Development loan to First Financial Bank in Winnebago recorded as Document 286599. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, and Warmka voted yes. Commissioner Young voted no.

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Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 property tax relief.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried to allow the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor to take a county vehicle home to increase emergency response time. Commissioners Roper, Groskreutz, and Warmka voted yes. Commissioner Loveall and Young voted no.

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

Auditor warrants for March 1 to March 31, 2019 totaling \$ 555,078.32 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
3/5/2020	130,756.72	Auditor warrants
3/12/2020	243,253.28	Auditor warrants
3/18/2020	370.95	Auditor warrants
3/19/2020	71,450.76	Auditor warrants
3/20/2020	600.00	Auditor warrants
3/26/2020	108,646.61	Auditor warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for March 1 to March 31, 2020 totaling \$ 982,376.48 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
3/3/2020	264,137.49	Commissioner warrants
3/5/2020	16,711.82	Auditor warrants
3/12/2020	4,541.45	Auditor warrants
3/17/2020	639,492.59	Commissioner warrants
3/19/2020	54,997.67	Auditor warrants
3/26/2020	2,495.46	Auditor warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 179,955.07 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 105,478.46
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	44,873.75
DITCH FUND	<u>29,602.86</u>
	\$ 179,955.07

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The meeting was adjourned for April 2020.

Tom Warmka, Chair

Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board