

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 4, 2020

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in regular session via teleconference in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on August 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, 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: D. Anderson, J. Blair, C. Lewis, M. Lore, L. Rebuffoni; members of public: Barbara Baker, Brent Legred, Milt Steele and Kevin Mertens.

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 July 21, 2020 regular meeting and October 17, 2019 and November 29, 2019 CD12 hearings.

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

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The calendar was updated. No member of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were presented Loveall reported on CD3 appeal; Groskreutz reported on MCRI; and Warmka reported on EMS and Soil and Water's memorandum of understanding.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the following travel policy for Faribault County employees, which will replace the current travel policy/guidelines and will stay active until the board determines it is no longer necessary.

Employee Travel During COVID-19 Pandemic

Employees should stay aware of the everchanging pandemic situation. If an employee has plans to travel out-of-state, the employee should use caution when traveling to areas that are current "hot-spots" with growing numbers of active COVID-19 cases.

When an employee travels out-of-state, the employee should notify their supervisor or department head at the employee's earliest convenience to allow for sufficient planning time. Employees, supervisors, and department heads are encouraged to work together to create a return-to-work plan.

After returning from out-of-state travel, employees are urged to work from home for 14 days if telecommuting is available and possible within their respective department. If telecommuting is not an option or is only available for less than the recommended 14 days, employees will be required to return to their normal job duties while following these guidelines:

- Wear a mask inside all county facilities and while working outside where social distancing is not attainable.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms defined by CDC.
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
- If an employee exhibits any of the CDC defined symptoms, the employee is to leave work immediately and contact their supervisor or department head for further instruction.
- Routinely clean and disinfect all personal work areas, electronics, and equipment.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept County Coronavirus Aid in the amount of \$1,655,319 and small municipality Coronavirus Relief Aid in the amount of \$81,530.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to set Coronavirus Relief Funds allocation work session for 8:00 a.m. August 6, 2020.

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Innvaer Stein with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources met regarding a land acquisition.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-CB-54 approving the acquisition of property from Pheasants Forever, Inc. near Guckeen. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to acquire and transfer ownership of Pheasants Forever, Inc. property. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145 Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on August 4, 2020, provided the County Board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water and wildlife conservation purposes.

Land to be acquired is described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(Per Quiet Title Action, Court File No. 22-CV-20-9)

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, excepting from said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter that part thereof platted as Poirier's Addition to the Village of Derby (now Guckeen) as said plat is on file and of record in the office of the recorder, Faribault County, Minnesota: all in Section 8, Township 102 North, Range 28 West, Faribault County, Minnesota.

This is a preliminary version of the legal description. This description is intended to generally describe the property in the proposed transaction. However, the final legal description is subject to change for reasons including but not limited to correcting errors, ensuring accuracy, and/or after property surveying.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Faribault County on August 4, 2020, that the State’s proposed acquisition of the above described property be approved.

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Recessed regular meeting and convened Drainage Authority meeting.
Recessed Drainage Authority meeting and reconvened regular meeting.

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Chair Young called JD7FM board to order.

Loveall/Roper motion Approve JD7FM repair scope and cost-share contract amendment. Commissioners Loveall, Young, and Roper voted yes.

JD7FM adjourned.

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Recessed regular meeting to reconvene Drainage Authority meeting.
Adjourned Drainage Authority meeting and reconvened regular meeting.

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No member of the public appeared for Drainage Authority public comment

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:
Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 637,620.39 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 168,082.17
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	44,149.25
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	244,759.67
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTH	90.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	80,896.25
DITCH FUND	<u>99,643.05</u>
	\$ 637,620.39

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

Tom Warmka, Chair

Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board