

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of November 3, 2020 in regular session via teleconference in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2020. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Commissioner Roper participated electronically. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide were also present. Also participating in the call were Faribault County employees: County Attorney Kathryn Karjala, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, K. Anderson, Blair, Daly, Lore, and Rauenhorst; members of public: Bruce Anderson, Kevin Mertens, and Milt Steele.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warmka.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the November 3, 2020 regular and drainage authority meetings.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of November 17, 2020.

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The calendar was updated.

No member of the public spoke during public comment.

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Committee reports were given: Loveall reported on Region 9; Groskreutz reported on Transit exec, Environmental Health, MRCI, and MVAC; Roper reported on MVAC; and Warmka reported on AMC General Government.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve changing Section 6.3 Voluntary Employee Benefits of the Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2021 to read as follows: The County offers employee paid options of the following insurance coverage plans: dental, vision, accident, critical illness, and hospital insurance. Short Term Disability coverage is available for employees for 30 or more hours per week. Benefits begin on the 1st day of an accident on the 8th day of an illness and can be payable up to 26 weeks. Employee may elect coverage, in increments \$50, up to 60% of employee monthly income. Coverage is subject to health review. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the change in carrier of voluntary benefits available to employees from AFLAC to Cigna. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

Young/Roper motion carried to approve the transition of Shop Foreman to Shop Lead under the following conditions: 1) The IUOE union agrees and approves of the transition, 2) the job description is reviewed, finalized, and approved by the IUOE Union, 3) the position is appropriately classified, 4) the current Shop Foreman will fulfil the remainder of his employment as Shop Foreman. Commissioners Roper, Young, and Warmka voted yes. Commissioner Loveall and Groskreutz voted no.

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Planning and Zoning Administrator Loria Rebuffoni met regarding office business. Discussion was held regarding the junkyard and nuisance ordinance.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried to allow the planning and zoning to continue working on a nuisance ordinance. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, and Young voted yes. Commissioners Loveall and Warmka voted no.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-RB10-77 for the 5-year bridge replacement plan as funds are available. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Faribault County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by the local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Faribault County has identified those bridges that are high priority that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Faribault County intends to replace or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available.

Bridge No.	Township/ Road No.	Estimated Project Cost	Federal Funds	State Aid Funds	Town Bridge Funds	Bond Funds	Local Funds	Proposed Year of Const.
9984	CSAH 21	698,578	480,000	113,578		104,663		2021
9978	CR 109	600,000	480,000			70,000	50,000	2021
22503	CSAH 9	853,615	278,400	505,215		70,000		2021
L9763	Pilot Grove 10S	400,000			380,000	20,000		2021
22509	CSAH 13	300,000		25,000		275,000		2022
22510	CSAH 13	300,000		25,000		275,000		2022

22512	Lura 200S	192,500			172,500		20,000	2022
L6404	Pilot Grove 70S	275,000			255,000		20,000	2022
9967	CSAH 1	192,500		17,500		175,000		2023
92804	CSAH 2	300,000		30,000		270,000		2023
L9726	Pilot Grove 340A	135,000			115,000		20,000	2023
L8837	Verona/Winnebago 190S	440,000			420,000		20,000	2023
9999	CR 106	165,000				150,000	15,000	2024
92369	CSAH 2	200,000		65,000		135,000		2024
L9579	Kiester 570A	300,000			280,000		20,000	2024
22552	Verona 165S	610,000			590,000		20,000	2024
22511	CSAH 19	165,000		15,000		150,000		2025
L6346	Mn Lake 230S	225,000			205,000		20,000	2025
L5327	Clark 580 A	120,000			100,000		20,000	2025
L9441	Jo Daviess 355A	225,000			205,000		20,000	2025
L9725	Pilot Grove 330A	165,000			145,000		20,000	2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Faribault County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate or remove said bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Faribault County does request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

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No member of the public spoke during Drainage Authority public comment.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to set December 1, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse for a combination 2021 budget and capital improvement bonding work session.

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Recessed to Drainage Authority.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to decline participation in a property tax abatement for the City of Winnebago Everidge building. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve applying for an extension of the fiscal year 2019 low income septic system grant funds. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 20-CB-78 allocating unspent CARES Act funds. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, the Federal CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and was in part available to qualifying local, state, and federal agencies to cover expenses unaccounted for in the current budget incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020, due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and;

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz on June 26, 2020 formally allocated funding for counties, cities, and townships in the State of Minnesota, and that local governments have discretion regarding expenditures for economic support of businesses, governmental entities, and non-profit organizations and;

WHEREAS, Faribault County was awarded \$1,655,319 and formally accepted CARES Act funding on August 4, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, Faribault County allocated remaining said funds on September 15, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, Faribault County has received unspent CARES Act funds from Townships totaling \$8,872.53 and;

WHEREAS, a total of \$199,271.92 in CARES Act funds remained unencumbered and;

WHEREAS, unspent CARES Act funds as of November 15, 2020 may be reallocated by the County Board and;

WHEREAS, Faribault County has finalized a plan to utilize the CARES Act funding in accordance with Federal and State guidelines to address community needs resulting from the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners approves the reallocation of unspent county and small cities and townships CARES Act funds of \$199,271.92 as outlined below:

\$	38,340.00	Blue Earth Fire Department Equipment Grant
	47,090.00	Easton Fire Department Equipment Grant
	17,000.00	Elmore Fire Department Equipment Grant
	5,515.00	Frost Fire Department Equipment Grant
	25,000.00	Community Workforce Grant - CEDA
	1,556.02	EDA 2nd round of business grants
	64,770.90	County Government
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\$	199,271.92	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining CARES Act funds are appropriated by the County Auditor/Treasurer, they are to be allocated to County Government.

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

Auditor warrants for October 1 to October 31, 2020 totaling \$ 2,349,678.09 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
10/01/2020	2,038.14	Auditor warrants
10/08/2020	736,381.67	Auditor warrants
10/15/2020	312,942.36	Auditor warrants
10/22/2020	1,160,065.50	Auditor warrants
10/29/2020	138,250.42	Auditor warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for October 1 to October 31, 2020 totaling \$ 1,884,311.84 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
10/01/2020	1,872.94	Auditor warrants
10/06/2020	514,432.40	Commissioner warrants
10/08/2020	351,840.43	Auditor warrants
10/15/2020	1,808.19	Auditor warrants
10/20/2020	142,915.94	Commissioner warrants
10/22/2020	863,529.72	Auditor warrants
10/29/2020	7,912.22	Auditor warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 885,696.91 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 90,390.77
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	777,531.64
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	24.50
DEBT SERVICE FUND	8,500.00
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	92.00
NON REVENUE/DISB A	4,683.65
DITCH FUND	<u>4,474.35</u>
	\$ 885,696.91

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The meeting was adjourned for November 2020.

Tom Warmka, Chair

Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board