

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

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 24, 2021. The following members were present: Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. 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: Blair, Karjala, Lewis, Paschke, Scholten; members of the public: Milton Steele and Kevin Mertens

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

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the January 19, 2021 regular and drainage meeting.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 2, 2021.

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The calendar was updated.

No member of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on Blue Earth City Council, Buildings and Grounds, and EDA; Groskreutz reported on EDA, HRA, MVAC, and Radio Board; Anderson reported on Parks; Roper reported on Parks.

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Jason Walker, Development Planner with Southwest Regional Development Commission, met to update the board on purpose of Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

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County Attorney Kathryn Karjala met regarding office business. Spoke of increase in cost of CHIPS cases in the future due to Court of Appeals ruling.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to table guidelines for resolutions to February 16, 2021 meeting.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business. Presented research on technology stipend.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve board ratifications for Avenu Tax and CAMA systems, which will extend support to December 31, 2023.

Years of services awards presentation was given. 5 years of service – Dennis Wick, Mark Daly, Cassy Lewis, KayLynn Smith, and Eric Olson; 10 years – Tom Elmer; 15 years – Thad Sturtz and Kristi Aukes; 20 years – Dan Killion and Tom Fletcher.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve deleting 10-ton gravel from gravel crushing contract with Holtmeier and crush 9,000 ton concrete at Baker Pit.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve an engineering contract with WSB & Associates, Inc. to perform consulting services to Faribault County for on-site bridge inspection training services for 2021 bridges project at an approximate cost of \$20,000.

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Drainage authority public comment was called. Scott Volz from Emerald Township presented a request for payment of damages on south side of property of \$789.30.

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Returned to Public Works business. Park board meeting was discussed.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for 2021 overlay project (CSAH 1 and CSAH 16).

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for Bridge L9753.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve actions of parks committee.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve gambling permit application Riverside Town & Country Club to operate a raffle on August 28, 2021.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve an upgrade to the Law Enforcement Center HVAC server at a cost of \$22,724.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve requests from C. Beaver to attend a 1-day Glock Armorer course in Algona IA.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve requests from J. Peterson and C. Davis to attend a 1-day virtual drone training.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve payment of \$2500 dues to Rural Minnesota Energy Board for 2021.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Roper with Commissioner Anderson as alternate to Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

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Young/Anderson motion carried to approve a 5-year capital improvement plan and direct County Auditor to work with bond consultant PFM to increase the capital improvement bond amount from \$3.5 million to \$4 million. Groskreutz voted no.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay bills as follows:

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 6,138,776.21 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 242,370.37
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	154,941.22
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	222,521.37
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	125.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	5,470,960.00
DITCH FUND	<u>47,858.25</u>
	\$ 6,138,776.21

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. February 16, 2021.

John Roper, Chair

Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board