

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 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 November 2, 2021. The following members were present: Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, Greg Young, and Tom Loveall Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Deputy Tom Elmer, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Milt Steele and Kevin Mertens were also present. Also participating in the call were Faribault County employees L. Scholten and J. Blair.

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

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the October 19, 2021 regular and drainage authority meetings with one correction.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of November 2, 2021 with additions.

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The calendar was updated.

No members of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on planning & zoning, and road assessments in Jo Davies Township; Groskreutz reported on a public health emergency planning meeting, MVAC, and HRA; Loveall reported on One Watershed, One Plan; and Roper reported on regional workforce development.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of the following positions at the Sheriff's Office: Erin Beske as Administrative Coordinator, Kasta Amundson as a full time Dispatch/Jailer, and Vincent Do as a part time Sheriff Deputy.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to send a thank you letter from the Board to the following local businesses for their help with the AMC District VII meeting: the Golden Bubble, Lacey's Catering, Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce, CCF Bank in Wells, and Riverside Town & Country Club.

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Nathan Carr met regarding soil & water business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve delegating the County Auditor to sign grant agreements and financial reports as the authorized representative for the 2022-2023 State of MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement.

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Community and Business Development Specialist Annie Nichols met regarding EDA business.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to table the resolution adopting several policies as part of the pre-grant agreement items for the Broadband Block Grant until more information about the policies and their length of stay could be gathered.

Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to authorize the contract with CCG Consulting to write an RFP and contract for an Internet Service Provider and Engineer for the Faribault County COVID-19 Broadband Response Project (not to exceed \$3,000), and to analyze the responses/bids (not to exceed \$2000) funded with Minnesota CDBG-CV Program funds.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business. Bonding options were discussed.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to authorize Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser to start a \$6 million bond for 2021.

Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve going forward with planning for another \$6-10 million bond in 2022.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to up the amount of the CSAH advance for 2022, up to \$1.6 million.

Construction updates were given. The improvements being made at Pihl's Park and its campsites were also discussed.

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License Bureau Office Supervisor Amy Wachlin met regarding office business.

Wachlin stated that constituents often ask the office to offer the option of payment by credit card. She said that the state contracted vendor charges \$665 per terminal. Lexis Nexis will allow a no cost to the County option, by offering free terminals and passing on the percentage charge to the customer.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve using LexisNexis to offer the option of paying by credit card at the Faribault County License Bureau.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley met regarding office business.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve transfer of up to \$30,000 in grant funds from the Sheriff's Office Aquatic Invasive Species account to the Bass Lake Clean Water Coalition to combat aquatic invasive species.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to set a joint 2022 budget & ARPA work session for November 9th at 10:30am in the boardroom.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 21-CB-99 selling tax forfeited parcel no. 26.002.3000 to the City of Frost to correct blight. Commissioners Loveall, Young, Groskreutz, Anderson and Roper voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 26.002.3000 forfeited to the State of Minnesota in favor of the Taxing Districts on June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has hereby classified the parcel as non-conservation property, and

WHEREAS, said parcel has structures that are in a blighted condition and said blight has caused the value of the parcel to be reduced, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has set the market value of said parcel at \$100.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Frost has applied to the Faribault County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (d) to purchase the parcel for the reduced value of \$1.00 and has documented that the city plans to correct blighted conditions on the property,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the request of the City of Frost to purchase Parcel No. 26.002.3000 for \$1.00 plus any associated fees involved in the transaction.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 21-CB-100 issuing an intoxicating on-sale liquor license with Sunday sales to Minn-Iowa Golf Club Incorporated located in Elmore Township for the period of November 2, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Commissioners Young, Groskreutz, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Minnesota Counties have the authority to issue liquor licenses to establishments located in organized townships and;

WHEREAS, Minn-Iowa Golf Club Incorporated located in Elmore Township has applied for an on-sale intoxicating liquor with Sunday sales license and;

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has considered the nature of the business to be conducted and its impact upon any municipality, the character and reputation of the applicant, and the propriety of the location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an intoxicating on-sale liquor license with Sunday sales be granted, pending township approval and commission approval, to Minn-Iowa Golf Club Incorporated located in Elmore Township for the period of November 2, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a septic grant in the amount of \$3,000 to Mitchell and Tracy Wilson for parcel 18.013.0400 in Verona Township.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a septic grant in the amount of \$3,000 and loan in the amount of \$10,051.90 to Chelcie Olson for parcel 17.012.0200 in Seely Township.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from J. Peterson, T. Elmer, and B. Gehrking to attend a 2-day MSCIC winter conference in Mankato; E. Beske to attend a 3-day virtual Mn Sheriff's Assoc training; J. Howard and M. Sonnek to attend an online DMT Recertification course; and K. Amundson to attend a 2-day MNJIS basic operator training in St Paul.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 359,695.11 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 56,446.45
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	76,966.35
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	222,521.37
DITCH FUND	2,825.78
NON REV/ DISB A	935.16

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to recess.

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

John Roper, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board