

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 4, 2022

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 January 4, 2022. The following members were present: Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, members of the public K. Mertens, and M. Steele also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees J. Blair, M. Lore, S. Hauskins, K. Anderson, and S. Asmus.

The meeting was called to order by County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Esser called for nominations for Chair for the year 2022.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Young as Chair for 2022.

Roper/Anderson motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Young as chair for 2022.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Anderson as vice-chair for 2022.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Anderson as vice-chair for 2022.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the December 9 and December 21, 2021 regular and drainage meetings and December 21, 2021 special meeting.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of January 4, 2022.

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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. Groskreutz shared an article from Mankato Magazine about what was happening in Faribault County in January 1960.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to set the first and third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. as regular board meeting dates for 2022 and drainage meeting will be set for the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2022:

AMC Committees and Meetings
City and Township meetings
County Drainage Ditch Committee
County Library System Committee
County Public Works Committee
County Purchasing, Building, and Building Maintenance Committee
County Solid Waste and Pollution Control Committee
Faribault/Martin County Human Service Board
Faribault/Martin County Transit Board
Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Prairieland Solid Waste Board

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2022 as follows:

Anderson as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Ag Task Force
Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment
Anderson as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– General Government
Young as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Transportation
Groskreutz as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Health and Human Services
Roper as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Public Safety
Chair and Vice Chair to Buildings and Grounds
Chair to Citizens Advisory Committee on Court Services
Chair and Vice Chair to Corrections Advisory
Roper to Drug Court Steering Committee and Veteran Drug Court
Groskreutz and Young to Economic Development Agency/Local Redevelopment Agency
Groskreutz to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers
Groskreutz to Toward Zero Deaths
Anderson and Young to Extension
Groskreutz to Housing Redevelopment Agency
Young to Huntley Sewer Service District

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Roper and Loveall to Insurance committee
Chair and Vice Chair to Investment
Young to Labor Management with Roper as alternate
Chair to Law Library
Anderson to Mankato Rehabilitation Center Inc.
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate
Groskreutz to Minnesota Valley Action Council
Roper and Anderson to Parks
Chair and Vice Chair to Personnel/Labor Negotiations
Young to Planning and Zoning
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety
Loveall to Region Nine
Anderson to River Alliance (11 County) with Loveall as alternate
Loveall and Young to Solid Waste/Recycling
Groskreutz to South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board
Roper to Private Industry Council and Workforce
Groskreutz and Anderson to Weed Control
Anderson and Loveall to Wetland Bank
Young to 9-1-1
District 4 & 5 Commissioners to One Watershed One Plan

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-01 setting gopher bounty for 2022 at two dollars for each pocket gopher and fifty cents for each striped and grey gopher. Commissioners Anderson, Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 348.12, provides that the County Board of Commissioners may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of certain animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to said statute, there is paid a bounty of two dollars (\$2.00) for each pocket gopher destroyed and fifty cents (\$.50) to be paid for each striped and grey gopher destroyed in Faribault County during the year 2022.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously authorizing commissioners, other officials, and the Central Services Director to attend association, region, and district meetings in 2022.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint the full board, assessor, recorder, and auditor/treasurer/coordinator as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties, with the engineer as alternate.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to discuss per diems for lay committee members and mileage reimbursement rates for 2022 .

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried to amend per diems to \$40 per half day and \$80 per full day for citizen committee members, and set mileage reimbursement for citizen committee members, officials, and employees at the 2022 IRS rate of 58.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Loveall voted no.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve citizen committee member appointments: Craig Beyer of Bricelyn to a 3-year term on Extension ending December 31, 2024; Ken Ripley of Blue Earth to a 3-year term on Extension ending December 31, 2024; Bill Groskreutz of Wells to a 5-year term on HRA ending 12-31-2026; Austin Bressler of Huntley to a 4 year term on Huntley Sewer board ending 12-31-2025; Andrew Moen of Blue Earth to a 3-year term on Library Board ending December 31, 2024; Julie Stenzel of Wells to a 3-year term on Library Board ending December 31, 2024; Russell Elmer of Wells to a 3-year term on Planning Commission ending December 31, 2024; and Dr. Aaron Johnson of Blue Earth to a 4-year term as Medical Examiner ending 12-31-2025.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve Faribault County Register as the official County newspaper for 2022 at \$2.90 per column inch.

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Loria Rebuffoni met regarding Planning & Zoning business. Discussion was held regarding the decision of James Meyer to no longer serve on the planning commission and board of adjustment now that his term has ended, leaving a vacant seat. Rebuffoni stated that Eric Dahl had volunteered to take his place.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint Eric Dahl to the planning commission and board of adjustment for a 3-year term ending 12-31-2024.

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Mark Daly met regarding public works business.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve posting for a staff engineer position.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve posting for two summer intern positions.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve posting for summer parks help.

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Discussion was held regarding bonding. Esser stated that there may be a possibility of needing some additional bonding in 2022 for the Courthouse HVAC project and planned large improvements on some of the drainage systems.

Anderson motion died for lack of a second to bond for \$9 million towards road construction, and another \$1million for drainage projects later, if needed.

Loveall motion died for lack of a second to bond for \$6.5 million towards road construction.

Anderson motion died for lack of a second to bond for \$8.5 million towards road construction.

Roper/Anderson motion carried to start the bond process for a \$10 million bond towards road construction. Commissioner Loveall voted no. Commissioners Anderson, Roper, Groskreutz, and Young voted yes.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-02 selling a tax forfeited parcel to the City of Delavan to correct blight. Commissioners Anderson, Roper, Groskreutz, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 23.036.4100 forfeited to the State of Minnesota in favor of the Taxing Districts on November 16, 2020, 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 each, and

WHEREAS, the City of Delavan 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 via demolition on the property,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the request of the City of Delavan to purchase Parcel No. 23.036.4100 for \$1.00 plus any associated fees involved in the transaction.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$604,564.42 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 244,344.15
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	136,668.88
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	221,789.58
DEBT SERVICE FUND	850.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	<u>911.81</u>
	\$ 604,564.42

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Young and Roper to stay on Personnel Labor Negotiations committee until union contracts are settled.

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. January 18, 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board