

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 18, 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 18, 2022. The following members were present: Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, 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, L. Scholten, and G. Paschke. Commissioner Tom Loveall was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the January 4, 2022 regular and drainage meetings.

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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 reported on Toward Zero Deaths, and the library board meeting. He noted that Andrew Moen who the board reappointed at the last meeting is unable to serve again as he has exceeded his term limit for library board. Young mentioned a letter he had received from the solar project north of Blue Earth.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to set an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) work session for 1:00p.m. on February 16th, 2022 in the boardroom.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-07 selling three tax forfeited properties to the City of Wells to correct blight via building demolition or rehabilitation of the properties to create affordable housing, dependent on the costs involved. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Parcel Nos. 30.200.0130, 30.200.0870, and 30.503.0820 all 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 parcels as non-conservation property, and

WHEREAS, said parcels have 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 parcels at \$100.00 each, and

WHEREAS, the City of Wells has applied to the Faribault County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (d) to purchase the parcels for the reduced value of \$1.00 each and has documented that the city plans to correct blighted conditions on the property by either demolishing or rehabilitating the building to create affordable housing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the request of the City of Wells to purchase Parcel Nos. 30.200.0130, 30.200.0870, and 30.503.0820 for \$1.00 each plus any associated fees involved in the transaction.

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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a training request from B. Gehrking to attend a 5-day Dogs for Law Enforcement K9 Training seminar in Independence, Iowa.

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Annie Nichols met regarding EDA business. Discussion was held regarding a staffing plan to bring on a new CEDA employee to share the workload.

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Jeremy Monahan met virtually regarding transit business.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay \$20,520 to fulfill Faribault County's obligation to Prairie Lakes Transit for the county's share of the cost of renovations.

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Chief Deputy Scott Adams met regarding Sheriff's Office business. Discussion was held concerning the jail fee schedule, which hadn't been increased since the facility's opening. Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the updated fees as proposed.

Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-08 for the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant from the State of Minnesota for 2022-2023. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the state is in need of local government assistance, providing reimbursement grants to counties to cover costs related to labor and equipment in the enforcement of off highway vehicle laws, rules and regulations, as well as holding staff training in the same, and providing local youth training classes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that entering into a contract for the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant with the State of Minnesota for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, is hereby approved and that Chair of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners Greg Young and Faribault County Chief Deputy Scott Adams are hereby authorized to sign said agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting by and through the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and the County of Faribault.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve training for Kilo, the new K-9 officer, at a cost of \$4,000.00 to be paid out of the seizure fund.

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Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser volunteered to be the parliamentarian for the board.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:

Auditor warrants from December 1 to December 31, 2021 totaling \$5,968,734.61 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/02/21	\$ 4,508,513.79	Auditor Warrants
12/08/21	1,415.70	Auditor Warrants
12/09/21	106,272.86	Auditor Warrants
12/16/21	598,703.80	Auditor Warrants
12/23/21	207,249.03	Auditor Warrants
12/30/21	546,579.43	Auditor Warrants
	\$ 5,968,734.61	Total

ACH-EFT payments from December 1 to December 31, 2021 totaling \$4,030,444.87 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/02/21	\$ 3,242,188.24	Auditor Warrants
12/09/21	365,605.91	Auditor & Commissioner Warrants
12/16/21	87,030.39	Auditor Warrants
12/21/21	236,790.56	Commissioner Warrants
12/23/21	32,944.21	Auditor Warrants
12/30/21	65,885.56	Auditor Warrants
	\$4,030,444.87	Total

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$389,701.03 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 280,344.44
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	68,900.93
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTH.	26,985.00
DITCH FUND	6,689.02
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	657.80
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND	195.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	5,928.84
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	\$389,701.03

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting for January.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board