

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 15, 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 February 15, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Sheriff Mike Gormley, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, members of the public Kevin Mertens, and Milt Steele also attended. Participating virtually were Bill Eckles and Faribault County employees J. Blair, S. Hauskins, K. Anderson, L. Scholten, G. Paschke, and M. Lore .

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the February 1, 2022 regular and drainage meetings.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 15, 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 reported on Toward Zero Deaths and Regional Radio Advisory Committee. Anderson reported on MRCI and Extension.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley met regarding office business.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept the Minnesota Judicial Branch's Safe & Secure Courthouse Initiative Grant amount of \$3,159.41; and approve the purchase of 2 new wand, and 2 new walkthrough metal detectors from Garrett Metal Detectors for a total price of \$6,318.82 using the grant funds and general capital improvement funds.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-17 directing the County Auditor to apply for the \$12,024 HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant for upgraded election software. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS) is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase voting equipment.

WHEREAS, during its 2021 1st Special Session, the Minnesota Legislature, via Chapter 12, Article 1, Sec. 21, directed the distribution of \$3 million from federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) appropriations as grants to political subdivisions. Per statute these funds must be used to improve accessibility to, implement security improvements for elections systems for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections. Regularly scheduled state elections in Minnesota are also federal elections.

WHEREAS, each county shall initially be eligible for the following maximum HAVA grant distribution amount: \$20,000 flat-rate per county plus \$0.287 per Voting Age Populations as captured by the 2020 U.S. Census.

WHEREAS, Undistributed funds (funds not requested by counties, or funds allocated to counties for which prerequisites are not completed), as well as unspent and returned funds from counties will be subject to follow-up redistribution per a to-be-determined second round formula.

WHEREAS, The HAVA Grants Programs does not require counties to match any amount of funding to be eligible to receive a grant award amount.

WHEREAS, HAVA Grants Program funds may be used by counties for any improvements or enhancements to accessibility or security of elections. OSS interprets the statutory language to extend to wider IT/network/and physical security and accessibility improvements and enhancements to county environments (virtual and physical), so long as elections functions are covered within. While OSS may be consulted on potential uses under considerations, counties are expected and encouraged to make autonomous decisions on applicability based on statutory language, and be prepared to defend and justify those decisions if audited. Of note, HAVA Grants Program funding may be applied to meet county matching requirements under the Voting Equipment Grants Authorizations (VEGA) program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the grant application in the form presented to the board and to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chief elections officer of the County and staff are directed to submit this approved grant application at the earliest opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the grant agreement is provided to the chief elections office of the county, Darren Esser, the County Auditor/Treasurer, that person is

delegated the authority to execute that agreement and return it to the Office of the Secretary of State without further approval by this Board.

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Sarah Eischens and Tom Hennis met regarding the Department of Corrections Sentencing to Service (STS) program. Quarterly reports were presented.

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Community and Business Development Specialist Annie Nichols met regarding Economic Development Authority business. Discussion was held regarding the broadband grant. Nichols stated that one bid was received during the request for proposal stage of the project.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to have staff review the bid received from Bevcomm and bring a contract back to the board at a later date.

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Mark Daly met regarding Public Works business.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid of \$1,647,171.80 from Midwest Contracting for bridges in 2022.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid of \$7,897,447.96 from Ulland Brothers for overlays in 2022.

Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB01-18 for a grant agreement with MnDOT in the amount of \$497,134.50 for bridge replacement on CSAH 13. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

For Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions SAP 022-613-025 and SAP 022-613-026 MnDOT Agreement 1048708

WHEREAS, Faribault County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge Nos. 22J54 and 22J55 both on CSAH 13; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$497,134.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Faribault County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB02-19 for bridge replacement from 2023-2027. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

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.
9967	CSAH 1	235,000		120,000		115,000		2023
92804	CSAH 2	380,000		192,500		187,500		2023
22552	Verona 165S	610,000			590,000		20,000	2023
L8837	Verona/Winnebago 190S	500,000			480,000		20,000	2023
L9726	Pilot Grove 340A	220,000			200,000		20,000	2023
9999	CR 106	275,000				260,000	15,000	2024
6784	CSAH 17	195,000		100,000		95,000		2024
6785	CSAH 17	195,000		100,000		95,000		2024
92369	CSAH 2	230,000		117,500		112,500		2024
22524	Seely 50S	650,000			630,000		20,000	2024
L9579	Kiester 570A	395,000			375,000		20,000	2024
22511	CSAH 19	198,000		101,500		96,500		2025
L5327	Clark 580 A	170,000			150,000		20,000	2025
L6346	Mn Lake 230S	240,000			220,000		20,000	2025
L9441	Jo Daviess 355A	240,000			220,000		20,000	2025
L9725	Pilot Grove 330A	198,000			178,000		20,000	2025
22538	CR 114	650,000	480,000			140,000	30,000	2026
89200	CR 112	650,000	480,000			140,000	30,000	2026
96980	CSAH 2	155,000		80,000		75,000		2026

22507	Lura 470A	325,000			305,000		20,000	2026
22549	Rome 440A	410,000			390,000		20,000	2026
L8841	Delavan 200S	275,000			255,000		20,000	2026
22516	CSAH 01	600,000		310,000		290,000		2027
89028	Clark 590A	95,000			95,000			2027
L5356	Delavan 405A	70,000			50,000		20,000	2027
L8839	Elmore 60S	365,000			345,000		20,000	2027
L9764	Pilot Grove 320A	350,000			330,000		20,000	2027

FURTHERMORE, Faribault County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate or remove said bridges; and

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

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Anderson/Groskreuz motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from D. Anderson and M. Lore to attend a 2-day Mn Association of Drainage Inspectors annual meeting and conference in Willmar.

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

Auditor warrants for January 1 to January 31, 2022 totaling \$ 954,682.32 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for January 1 to January 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
1/3/2022 Total	604.05	Auditor Warrants
1/6/2022 Total	209,267.25	Auditor Warrants
1/13/2022 Total	252,268.81	Auditor Warrants
1/20/2022 Total	51,770.35	Auditor Warrants
1/21/2022 Total	1,000.00	Auditor Warrants
1/24/2022 Total	311,143.67	Auditor Warrants
1/27/2022 Total	\$ 128,628.19	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	\$ 954,682.32	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for January 1 to January 31, 2022 totaling \$ 1,080,345.36 as follows:

ACH - EFT Approval List for January 1 to January 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
1/4/2022 Total	559,866.25	Commissioner Warrants
1/6/2022 Total	95,168.35	Auditor Warrants
1/13/2022 Total	3,645.83	Auditor Warrants
1/18/2022 Total	164,142.31	Commissioner Warrants
1/20/2022 Total	5,167.25	Auditor Warrants
1/24/2022 Total	252,198.45	Auditor Warrants
1/27/2022 Total	156.92	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	\$ 1,080,345.36	Total ACH - EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$403,569.20 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 127,686.80
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	30,868.87
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	221,789.58
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	49.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	850.00
DITCH FUND	17,144.22
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	552.00
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND	3,933.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	695.73
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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to go into closed session at 10:56 a.m. for discussion regarding labor negotiation strategy. Commissioners, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, and Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer were present.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 12:02p.m.
The meeting was called back to order. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser gave a recap of the closed session.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned for February 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board