

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 5, 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 April 5, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Deputy Tom Elmer, Building/Facilities Maintenance Director Saxon Warmka, members of the public K. Mertens, and M. Steele also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees J. Blair, G. Paschke, K. Anderson, L. Scholten, S. Asmus, M. Lore, and L. Rebuffoni.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the March 15, 2022 regular and drainage meetings.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 5, 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 EDA, South Central Communications, EMS, MVAC, HRA, drainage hearings, and a One Watershed, One Plan meeting. Roper reported on South Central Workforce, and RMEB. Anderson reported on MRCI, the AMC Leadership Summit, and drainage hearings. Loveall reported on the annual township meeting and One Watershed, One Plan.

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Senior Project Manager Jake Boerboon with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company joined the meeting virtually while the bids were awarded for the courthouse HVAC project. He explained alternate one is using a different HVAC control vendor that is more costly; and alternate two is adding fire suppression with a sprinkler system along with necessary utility work to upgrade the water service to the building at a cost of \$383,190.00.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept the base bid package without alternate option one or two, totaling \$3,704,318.00. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the ISP contract with Bevcomm for the broadband grant project.

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Chief Deputy Scott Adams and Community and Business Development Specialist Jennifer Howard met seeking authorization to apply for grants to procure ballistic shields and helmets for local law enforcement.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve applying for a \$10,000 grant through the Huisman Family Fund.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve applying for a second grant from the Blue Earth Community Foundation.

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Mark Daly and Jennifer Luhmann met regarding Public Works business. The annual report was discussed, and an update given on construction plans.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB05-30 for the annual snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming grants in fiscal year 2023. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

For Grant Contract Agreement Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program FY 2023 Maintenance and Grooming Grants

BE IT RESOLVED: That the County of Faribault act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the snowmobile trails managed by Faribault County Trails/ Blue Earth Snow Rovers Snowmobile Club/ Stateliners Snowmobile Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that upon approval of its application by the State, The County of Faribault may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department and Darren Esser County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator are authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to table any action concerning the public works building in Frost pending more information.

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Lexi Scholten met regarding Central Services business.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Jessica Theobald as Extension Secretary.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the promotion of Saxon Warmka as Building/Facilities Maintenance Director.

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Loria Rebuffoni met regarding Planning & Zoning business.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the 2021 County Feedlot Officer (CFO) Annual Report.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously approving a gambling permit application for Riverside Town & Country Club to operate a raffle on August 27, 2022.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously approving the federal Help Americans Vote Act grant agreement and accepting funds in the amount of \$23,119.69 for improvements to election security.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to set private forfeited land sale 2022-A for 8:30am Friday, April 8, 2022 in the board room of the courthouse.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to direct the County Auditor to order a survey of the non-RIM easement acres of tax forfeited parcel 09.008.0800 located in section 8 of Foster Township.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to schedule a public hearing for the creation of a subordinate sewer service district in Riverside Heights subdivision for 9:30a.m. on May 3, 2022 in the courthouse board room. Commissioner Roper abstained from voting.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-31 approving the 2022 redistricting plan. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, State and Federal laws require Faribault County to create new election districts after each decennial census that are as equal in population as practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has done so with due regard for the distribution of population and other relevant communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has found that current populations are practically equal and any attempt to obtain more equality would not be a responsible use of county finances and county staff time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the election district boundaries shall remain the same and the district numbers shall stay the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the districts shall be re-established as listed below:

Commissioner District 1:

City of Blue Earth – Ward 3, Blue Earth Township, City of Elmore, Elmore Township, City of Frost, Frost Township, Emerald Township, and Rome Township

Commissioner District 2:

City of Blue Earth – Ward 1, City of Blue Earth – Ward 2, Pilot Grove Township, Jo Daviess Township, and Verona Township

Commissioner District 3:

Clark Township, City of Wells, and Dunbar Township

Commissioner District 4:

Barber Township, City of Delavan, Delavan Township, City of Easton, Lura Township, Prescott Township, City of Winnebago, and Winnebago Township

Commissioner District 5:

City of Bricelyn, Brush Creek Township, Foster Township, City of Kiester, Kiester Township, City of Minnesota Lake, Minnesota Lake Township, Seely Township, Walnut Lake Township, and City of Walters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to comply with term staggering requirements, elections held in November of 2022 in Districts 2 and 4 shall be for four-year terms

commencing in January 2023; and elections held in November of 2024 in Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be for four-year terms commencing in January 2025.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$499,057.49 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 201,439.85
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	234,721.59
DEBT SERVICE FUND	18,026.95
DITCH FUND	43,469.81
NON REV/DISB A FUND	1,399.29
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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting was recessed to April 19th, 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board