

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 19, 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 19, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Clerk to the Board Lexi Scholten, member of the public K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees G. Paschke, K. Anderson, S. Hauskins, L. Rebuffoni, and B. Ziegler.

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 April 5, 2022 regular and drainage meetings.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda of April 19, 2022, adding items, and cancelling the drainage meeting due to a lack of agenda items.

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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 MVAC, and State Community Health Advisory Committee. Roper reported on Health Together. Anderson reported on Buildings & Grounds, and a Kiester city meeting. Loveall reported on EDA.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint Tim Hynes to the EDA.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Groskreutz and Roper to the 2022 Election Canvassing Board and to set 11:30 am on May 25, 2022 in the courthouse board room as the time and place to convene for the May 24, 2022 Special Primary Election Canvassing Board.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from L. Scholten to attend a 2-day MCHRNA Spring Conference in Waite Park; S. Robbins, B. Rauenhorst, and G Paschke to attend a 2-Day Mn Assoc of Assessing Officers Summer Seminar in St. Cloud; L. Mehrhof to attend a Mn Assoc of Assessment Personnel meeting in Becker and a 2-day Mn Assoc of Assessing Officers Basic Ag 101 and 2-day Advanced Ag class in Waite Park; and C. Albers and M. Murphy to attend a Taser Instructor Certification Course in Sartell.

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Victim/Witness Coordinator Barb Ziegler met virtually regarding Attorney's Office business.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-34 proclaiming the week of April 24–30, 2022, as Crime Victims' Rights Week. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the term “victim” is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it;

WHEREAS crime victims' rights acts passed here in Minnesota and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process;

WHEREAS victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights;

WHEREAS victim service providers and allied professionals can reach more victims through innovative, trauma-informed programs, such as telehealth services and multidisciplinary teams;

WHEREAS victim service providers and allied professionals can increase access to victim services and compensation in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality by implementing culturally responsive services;

WHEREAS equity and inclusion are fundamental prerequisites to survivor care, and survivor- led services that provide victims with opportunities to share their experiences are essential blueprints for support;

WHEREAS National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS Faribault County Victim/Witness Program is hereby dedicated to helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24–30, 2022, as

Crime Victims’ Rights Week

reaffirming Faribault County’s commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding Central Services business. Discussion was held on coming changes with the County’s benefits providers and various options going forward.

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

Auditor warrants for March 1 to March 31, 2022 totaling \$634,185.49 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for March 1 through March 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
3/3/2022 Total	152,569.56	Auditor Warrants
3/10/2022 Total	209,571.92	Auditor Warrants
3/17/2022 Total	81,334.89	Auditor Warrants
3/24/2022 Total	165,892.25	Auditor Warrants
3/31/2022 Total	24,816.87	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	634,185.49	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for March 1 to March 31, 2022 totaling \$697,068.04 as follows:

ACH - EFT Approval List for March 1 through March 31		
Date	Amount	Description
3/1/2022 Total	173,897.59	Commissioner Warrants
3/3/2022 Total	149,824.56	Auditor Warrants
3/10/2022 Total	3,912.22	Auditor Warrants
3/15/2022 Total	352,153.14	Commissioner Warrants
3/17/2022 Total	14,488.06	Auditor Warrants
3/24/2022 Total	2,681.60	Auditor Warrants
3/31/2022 Total	110.87	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	697,068.04	Total ACH - EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$405,119.44 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 334,645.69
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	54,680.31
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	134.63
DITCH FUND	10,791.46
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND	4,802.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	65.35
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Drainage Authority commissioner warrants totaling \$10,791.46.

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The meeting was adjourned for April 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board