

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 16, 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 August 16, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners.

Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Deputy Tom Elmer, Central Services Director Pam Krill, and member of the public K. Mertens also attended. Attending virtually were member Bill Groskreutz, Faribault County employees K. Anderson, L. Rebuffoni, S. Asmus, J. Blair, M. Lore, L. Mehrhof; and member of the public M. Steele. Commissioner Bill Groskreutz participated via interactive technology due to recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention regarding a contagious health condition.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the August 2, 2022 regular and drainage authority meetings. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of August 16, 2022. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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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 the MVAC exec and personnel meetings, transit, and Toward Zero Deaths. Roper reported on MVAC, and the Mn Assoc. of Workforce Boards Summer Conference held in Duluth.

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Pam Krill met regarding Central Services business.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Athena Thompson as part time Clerk Typist in the Recorder's Office. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Ty Watson as part time Dispatch/Jailer. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Alissa Oeltjenbruns with the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation presented an annual update.

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Faribault County Fair Board members David Murray, Marlin Prange, and Daryl Murray appeared to request annual funding for the Faribault County Fair.

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Jenna Schmidtke met virtually regarding Veteran's Services business.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-57 for the Annual MDVA Grant Agreement. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Faribault County that the County enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by Faribault County that Jenna R. Schmidtke, the County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

**WHEREUPON** the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board Chair this 16th Day of August 2022.

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Greg Ous, Angie Piltaver, Lisa Bigham, Anne Wolff, and Michael O'Rourke from MnDOT met to present the annual Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) Outreach presentation.

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Mark Daly met regarding Public Works business. Construction updates were given.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB08-54 accepting the CP 22-600-20, 2022 Crack Sealing Project as completed. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, CP 22-600-20, 2022 Crack Sealing Project has in all things been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the final contract amount is \$27,664.00 which matches the original contract bid of \$27,664.00; and

**WHEREAS**, to date \$26,280.80 has been paid to the contractor leaving the balance of \$1,383.20; and

**WHEREAS**, the work has been performed satisfactorily and all necessary forms have been completed and received by the Highway Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Faribault, Minnesota, that we do hereby accept said completed project and authorize final payment to MP Asphalt Maintenance, LLC.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB09-55 amending MnDOT Contract Number 1046066 for bridges funding. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **Agreement to Amend Federal Participation in Advance Construction SP 022-598-010, 022-609-009 and 022-621-027, BROS 2221(015)**

**WHEREAS**, MnDOT Contract Number 1046066 ("Original Contract") has been executed between Faribault County and MnDOT and

**WHEREAS**, this contract provides that MnDOT act as agent to provide federal highway funds to Faribault County, and

**WHEREAS**, MnDOT and Faribault County are willing to amend the Original Contract;

**BE IT RESOLVED** the County Board Chairman and the County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Faribault County to execute and enter an amendment to the Original Contract with the Commissioner of Transportation which terms and conditions are expressly reaffirmed and are incorporated by reference.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB10-56 entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1051342 for detour routes. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

## R E S O L U T I O N

**IT IS RESOLVED** that Faribault County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1051342 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway (C.S.A.H.) No. 17 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 22, from 120 feet south of Junction County State Aid Highway (C.S.A.H.) No. 29 to 1400 feet South of Borchert Street under State Project No. 2205-13 (T.H. 22=039).

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator and the Faribault County Engineer are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 1985 3,000-gallon tanker truck from the Frost Fire Department at a cost of \$4,000.00. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve proposed county public works drain tile outlet policy changes. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Member of the public Micah Twedt appeared to discuss his previous request for the creation of a diversion ditch along the CSAH 9 right-of-way in Jo Daviess Township. Joseph Christenson from the USDA also attended.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve granting the license agreement pending the county engineer's sign off. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Randall Anderson of the Faribault County Historical Society met to request annual funding and give an update on current projects.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve pay application #1 of \$1824 to Ramsey Excavating Co. and pay application #1 of \$11,400 to Laketown Electric, Inc. – Mankato for the HVAC project. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the \$85,600 Sterling Systems bid for the courthouse HVAC project asbestos removal. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to set 11:00 am on Monday, November 14, 2022 in the courthouse board room as the time and place to convene the November 8, 2022 General Election Canvassing Board. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to set a 2023 budget work session for September 1, 2022 at 8:00am in the courthouse board room. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve training request from M. Lore and D. Anderson to attend an International Drainage Symposium in Des Moines, IA. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from K. Bendickson to attend a Mn Assoc of Assessing Officers course in Lake Elmo; M. Eckhardt to attend a Mn Prosecutor by Karpel Users Group meeting in St. Cloud; M. Lore and D. Anderson to attend a Mn Assoc of Drainage Inspectors Summer Meeting in Alexandria; and Planning Commission member R. Stenzel to attend an MCIT Land Use training in St. Cloud. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:  
Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

Auditor warrants for July 1 to July 31, 2022 totaling \$2,312,753.26 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for July 1 through July 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
7/7/2022 Total	147,370.12	Auditor Warrants
7/14/2022 Total	1,997,287.19	Auditor Warrants
7/21/2022 Total	64,487.83	Auditor Warrants
7/28/2022 Total	103,608.12	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	2,312,753.26	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for July 1 to July 31, 2022 totaling \$2,642,909.96 as follows:

ACH-EFT Warrant Approval List for July 1 through July 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
7/5/2022 Total	359,429.57	Commissioner Warrants
7/7/2022 Total	61,024.27	Auditor Warrants
7/14/2022 Total	1,819,264.53	Auditor Warrants
7/19/2022 Total	375,402.56	Commissioner Warrants
7/21/2022 Total	24,512.63	Auditor Warrants
7/28/2022 Total	3,276.40	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	2,642,909.96	Total ACH-EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$622,897.32 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 94,612.56
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	490,408.29
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	1,009.80
DITCH FUND	31,344.14
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	506.00
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND- REC	4,472.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	544.53
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The meeting was adjourned for August 2022.

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Greg Young, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board