

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 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 October 18, 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, and members of the public M. Steele and C. Hunt also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees K. Anderson, S. Hauskins, J. Blair, M. Lore, P. Krill, and L. Mehrhof.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the October 4, 2022 regular and drainage authority meetings.

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The calendar was updated.

Commissioner Groskreutz read a letter from constituent Rita Vondracek regarding elections during public comment. Members of the public Clinton Meyer, Jim Beattie, Jim Wetzler, Brenda Baldwin, Joyce Wetzler, Steve Krause, Jackie Drew, Amy Ihle, Sherri Anderson, and Diana Skogen also spoke regarding elections during public comment.

Loveall motion to conduct a one-time hand count of ballots with the machine count as the primary count died for lack of a second.

No action was taken on the proposed election resolutions.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on the MVAC exec meeting, and the Toward Zero Deaths Conference in St. Cloud.

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Kelly Joseph, on behalf of her mother, Mildred Sailor, joined the meeting virtually to request forgiveness of a Small Cities Development Loan for property located in Wells.

Groskreutz/Roper motion failed to approve the request to forgive the \$8,195.50 Small Cities Development Loan recorded as Document #286426. Commissioners Groskreutz and Roper voted yes. Commissioners Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted no.

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Pam Krill met regarding Central Services business.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Sara Hauskins as Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend for Sara Hauskins.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve a cell phone stipend for John Hanevik.

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

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the engineer to begin advertising for 2023 Overlays.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the engineer to obtain a quote to add Bridge L9726 to the 2022 Bridge Contract as a change order.

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Heidi Schutt and Nicole Krienke met regarding library business. Vacancies on the library boards were discussed.

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Saxon Warmka met regarding Buildings/Facilities.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2023 Aluma trailer model 7814 at a cost of \$5,124.00 from Yeager Implement of Blue Earth.

Two other quotes were received from Flaherty Trailers of Albert Lea for \$5,390 and Zac's Sales of Sherburn for \$5,438.62.

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Brandee Douglas and Merissa Lore met regarding a USGS 3D Elevation Program (LiDAR) grant request.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to partner in a USGS 3D Elevation Program (LiDAR) grant request by completing an Attachment D – Funding Partners Document with a funding commitment of \$15,000 for the Minnesota River East Acquisition Area, utilizing \$2,500 from SWCD, \$5,000 from Drainage, \$2,500 from Riparian Aid, and \$5,000 from GIS (2022).

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the following financial institutions as depositories of public funds for Faribault County for a period of one year: First Bank Blue Earth, Wells Fargo, Frost State Bank, State Bank of Easton, and Peoples State Bank.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously approving pay application #2 of \$72,780.10 to Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve pay application #3 of \$70,067.25 to Ramsey Excavating Co., pay application #1 of \$71,573.95 to Donald R. Frantz Concrete Construction, pay application #2 of \$43,700 to Century Construction, pay application #2 of \$25,752.60 to Custom Drywall, pay application #4 of \$201,851.25 to Associated Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and pay application #3 of \$14,582.50 to Laketown Electric, Inc. – Mankato.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously directing the County Auditor to solicit a contract for new property tax software with Counties Providing Technology (CPT).

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried to approve training requests from E. Beske to attend an online Adult Criminal Record Expungement training; and C. Davis and J. Peterson to attend the Mn South Central Investigators Coalition Winter Conference in Mankato. Commissioner Groskreutz voted no.

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

Auditor warrants for September 1 to September 30, 2022 totaling \$1,175,301.94 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for September 1 to September 30, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
9/1/2022 Total	3,596.24	Auditor Warrants
9/8/2022 Total	733,506.66	Auditor Warrants
9/15/2022 Total	141,027.77	Auditor Warrants
9/22/2022 Total	292,467.94	Auditor Warrants
9/29/2022 Total	4,703.33	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	1,175,301.94	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for September 1 to September 30, 2022 totaling \$1,729,187.38 as follows:

ACH-EFT Approval List for September 1 through September 30, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
9/1/2022 Total	2,722.69	Auditor Warrants
9/6/2022 Total	377,306.70	Commissioner Warrants
9/8/2022 Total	109,350.72	Auditor Warrants
9/15/2022 Total	17,589.25	Auditor Warrants
9/20/2022 Total	1,085,351.47	Commissioner Warrants
9/22/2022 Total	134,285.32	Auditor Warrants
9/29/2022 Total	2,581.23	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	\$ 1,729,187.38	Total ACH-EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$274,045.68 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 171,701.06
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	92,040.81
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	1,743.21
DITCH FUND	3,891.25
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND- REC	4,559.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	110.35
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The meeting was adjourned for October 2022.

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Greg Young, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board