

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 27, 2023

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 11:00 a.m. on June 27, 2023. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young, Commissioners. Engineer/Coordinator Mark Daly, Central Services Director Pam Krill, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Auditor/Treasurer Jessica Blair, Deputy Tom Elmer, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer and member of the public K. Mertens also attended. Commissioner Bruce Anderson appeared via interactive technology due to traveling to Ireland. Fillmore County Administrator B. Hillery and member of the public M. Steele attended virtually. Commissioner Tom Loveall was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Groskreutz.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda of June 27th, 2023. Commissioners Anderson, Young, Roper, and Groskreutz voted yes.

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Auditor/Treasurer Jessica Blair read a letter of resignation notifying the Board of her intent not to seek reelection.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Jessica Blair as Auditor/Treasurer effective August 10, 2023. Commissioners Anderson, Young, Roper, and Groskreutz voted yes.

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Fillmore County Administrator Bobbie Hillery spoke regarding the process to move the office from elected to appointed.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-57 to schedule and hold a public meeting on July 18, 2023, at 9:15am in the boardroom. Commissioners Anderson, Young, Roper, and Groskreutz voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

TO SCHEDULE AND HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON JULY 18, 2023, AT 9:15 A.M TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE POSITION OF FARIBAULT COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

WHEREAS, at a special session of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners held on June 27, 2023, and

WHEREAS the Board did accept, on June 27th, 2023, a letter of resignation from Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer Jessica Blair; and

WHEREAS the Board did receive a letter from Jessica Blair, incumbent Auditor-Treasurer, on June 27, 2023, wherein Blair did advise the Board, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 375A.1205 subd. 2 that she does not intend to file for reelection at the completion of her term or upon vacating her office, and

WHEREAS Minn. Stat. 375A.1205 provides that the Board may create the appointed position of Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer by resolution upon conditions including a vacancy in the office of Auditor-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS the Personnel Committee does recommend that the Board create the appointed position of Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer, and

WHEREAS creation of the appointed position of Auditor-Treasurer requires that the Board schedule a public meeting and allow public comment prior to resolving to create the appointed position of Auditor-Treasurer:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public meeting on July 18, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. to allow public comment and to consider passing the attached Resolution Establishing the Appointed Office of County Auditor-Treasurer

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Roper/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-CB-58 directing the publication of the notice of intent to establish the appointed office of the Auditor/Treasurer. Commissioners Anderson, Young, Roper, and Groskreutz voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT AND PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH APPOINTED POSITION OF FARIBAULT COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

WHEREAS, at a special session of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners held on June 27, 2023, the Board did resolve to hold a public hearing on July 18, 2023, at 9:15 a.m., for consideration of a resolution to establish the appointed position of Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375A.1205 subd.6, prior to passing said resolution, the Board of Commissioners must publish notice as follows:

“(a) Before the adoption of the resolution to provide for the appointment of an office as described in subdivision 1, the county board must publish a proposed resolution notifying the public of its intent to consider the issue once each week, for two consecutive weeks, in the official publication of the county.”

and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the office of Central Services to publish the Notice of Intent and Proposed Resolution attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

Exhibit A

Notice of Intent: On June 27, 2023, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners did resolve to begin the statutory process of appointing the office of County Auditor/Treasurer. Pursuant to Minnesota Stat. §375A.1205, notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners hold a public meeting on July 18, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. at the Faribault County Board of Commissioners Room, Faribault County Courthouse, 415 N Main St., Blue Earth, Minnesota, 56013, to consider passage of the following proposed resolution:

(Proposed) RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTED OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

WHEREAS, the Laws of Minnesota 2019, chapter 10, article 2, Sections 17–22 amended Minnesota Statutes 2018. Section 375.08; Section 375A.10; and Section 375A.12; and adopted Minnesota Statute Section 375A.1205 to allow under certain circumstances each County Board of the State of Minnesota to fill the vacancy of an elected office of County Auditor-Treasurer by appointment; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Blair is the current officer holder in the position of County Auditor-Treasurer in Faribault County; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, Jessica Blair notified the Faribault County Board of Commissioners she is resigning from the office of County-Auditor Treasurer effective August 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, Jessica Blair, as incumbent Auditor/Treasurer, did notify the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375A.1205 subd.2, that she does not intend to file for reelection at the expiration of her current term or upon vacating her office, and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023 the Faribault County Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation of Jessica Blair as County Auditor-Treasurer effective on August 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners desires to henceforth make the office of County Auditor-Treasurer not elected but filled by appointment by the County Board as provided for in Minnesota Statute §375A.1205, and

WHEREAS the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, at a special session held on June 27, 2023, resolved to publish notice of intent to consider establishing the appointed office of Auditor/Treasurer at a public meeting held on July 18, 2023, and

WHEREAS, as of July 18, 2023, said notice has been published for two consecutive weeks, and

WHEREAS public hearing on the matter will be/was held on July 18, 2023:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the appointed office of County Auditor-Treasurer.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Anderson, Young, Roper, and Groskreutz voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Groskreutz, Acting Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board