

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 8:30 a.m. on February 14, 2024. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Coordinator Brian Hov, County Attorney Cameron Davis, County Recorder Sherry Asmus, Engineering Tech John Oswald, GIS Coordinator Brandee Douglas, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Joe Haefner with Bolton and Menk, and member of the public K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County staff L. Mehrhof, A. Wachlin, S. Hauskins, E. Beske, A. Shoff, and T. Hanevik, and member of the public M. Steele.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement for professional engineering services with Mark Daly, P.E. at a rate of \$125.00 per hour up to 20 hours per week through April 30, 2024.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-CB-10 to declare intent to fill the office of county surveyor by appointment. Commissioners Loveall, Anderson, Roper, Young, and Groskreutz voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

**Resolution to Make Faribault County
Surveyor an Appointed Position**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota by Chapter 389.011, Subd.2. Laws of Minnesota authorized any county in which the office of County Surveyor has not been abolished by resolution of its Board to declare its intention to fill the office of County Surveyor by appointment, and;

WHEREAS, in Faribault County, the office of County Surveyor has not been abolished and it is the intention of the County Board of Commissioners of Faribault County to fill the office of the County Surveyor by appointment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 389.011, Subd.2 Laws of Minnesota, does hereby declare its intention to fill the office of the County Surveyor by appointment.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-CB-11 to appoint Joe Haefner as Faribault County Surveyor for a term ending December 31, 2027. Commissioners Loveall, Anderson, Roper, Young, and Groskreutz voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners did on the 2nd day of September, 2008 appoint Joe Haefner to the Office of Faribault County Surveyor for a term ending December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners failed to appoint a person to the Office of Faribault County Surveyor for a term commencing January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners must have an identified Licensed Land Surveyor according to MS 326.02, Subd.4 for the Public Land Survey System Monument Grant Program, authorized by MS 381.125; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners appoints the Office of Faribault County Surveyor for a term not to exceed four (4) years, pursuant to MS 389.011, Subd.2 (1); provided, however, that the appointed person will serve at the pleasure of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Faribault County Surveyor shall be filled by appointment effective February 20, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, it is agreed between Faribault County and Joe Haefner:

1. That Joe Haefner is appointed Faribault County Surveyor for a term ending December 31, 2027. Joe Haefner shall serve as the Faribault County Surveyor and shall provide the public access to his work performed as the appointed Faribault County Surveyor. Joe Haefner shall perform his duties as required by Minnesota Statutes, and in addition shall perform all lawful requests of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, concerning matters of the County Surveyor's office. The records of the work performed by Joe Haefner as the Faribault County Surveyor are the property of the Faribault County and shall be presented to Faribault County once the projects are completed.
2. That Joe Haefner shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the Faribault County Surveyor and shall be responsible for the administration of the Faribault County Public Land Survey System remonumentation program, including professional and technical oversight of the grant project.
3. That Joe Haefner shall receive compensation for services rendered as Faribault County Surveyor on a project-to-project basis and in accordance with any budget established each year by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners.
4. That Joe Haefner shall comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practice Act regarding all data gathered in his official capacity as the Faribault County Surveyor.

5. That Joe Haefner will give bond to the state, approved by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, and the bond, together with the surveyor's oath, and certified evidence of a license as a land surveyor must be recorded with the Faribault County Recorder under MS 389.011, Subd.3.
6. That all appointed deputies under MS 389.02 shall only be appointed with the approval of the Faribault County Board of Commissioners.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Groskreutz, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board