

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 2, 2024

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 2, 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, Deputy Tom Elmer, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Central Services Assistant Kayla Brummond, and members of the public K. Mertens and M. Steele also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County staff L. Mehrhof, E. Skaden, A. Wachlin, M. Sonnek, A. Shoff, T. Hanevik, E. Beske, S. Robbins, S. Hauskins, B. Douglas, I. Nelson, S. Asmus, K. Bendickson, and M. Lore.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of March 19, 2024 regular, drainage, and joint drainage meetings.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 2, 2024.

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The calendar was updated.

No public comment was received.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on HRA. Roper reported on the Traverse des Sioux Library committee, Corrections Advisory committee, and township board meetings. Anderson reported on MRCI. Groskreutz reported on MVAC, EDA, Corrections Advisory committee, annual township meetings, South Central EMS, South Central Emergency Communications board, and personnel committee.

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Victim/Witness Coordinator Barb Ziegler and County Attorney Cameron Davis met to present a resolution for National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 24-CB-25 proclaiming the week of April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week. Commissioners Anderson, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Groskreutz voted yes.

RESOLUTION

- Whereas** surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including, psychological, social, and financial issues;
- Whereas** we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them;
- Whereas** each of us has a responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others;
- Whereas** it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope;
- Whereas** victims service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support;
- Whereas** we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice;
- Whereas** we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope – the believe that the future will better – is not just tangible but within their reach;
- Whereas** National Crime Victims’ Rights encourages all people to ask themselves the question, “How would you help a victim of crime?”; and
- Whereas** Faribault County Victim/Witness Program is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

Now, therefore, we, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2024, 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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HR Director Amanda Shoff met regarding office business.

Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Jordan Paukert as a full-time sheriff deputy and Susan Jahnke as the emergency management assistant.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of April Wellman as County Highway Engineer/Public Works Director and appoint her to a 1-year term as County Engineer beginning May 1, 2024.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Ducks Unlimited Lost Marsh Chapter 105 to conduct bingo and a raffle on April 29, 2024.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Riverside Town & Country Club to conduct a raffle on September 14, 2024.

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Discussion was held regarding per diem policy.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to move the June 18, 2024 board meeting start time to 4:00pm.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the liquor license renewal for Riverside Town & Country Club.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from B. Rauenhorst and K. Bendickson to attend the MAAO Summer Seminar in St Cloud, MN.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from T. Elmer, C. Albers, B. Bonin, and E. Bonin to attend the MOCIC Annual Conference in Deadwood, SD.

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

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 324,989.88 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 95,700.28
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	114,417.75
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	43,212.76
DITCH FUND	71,659.09
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The meeting was recessed to April 16th, 2024.

Bill Groskreutz, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board