

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 7, 2020

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 January 7, 2020. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide also attended.

The meeting was called to order by County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Esser called for nominations for Chair for the year 2020.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Warmka as Chair for 2019.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Warmka as chair for 2020.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Roper as Vice-chair for 2020.

Young/Loveall motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Roper as vice-chair for 2020.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the December 17, 2018 regular meeting.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of January 7, 2020.

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The calendar was updated.

No member of the public appeared during public comment.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to set the first and third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. as regular board meeting dates for 2020 and drainage meeting will be set for the first Tuesday of each month following the regular meeting.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2020:

AMC Committees and Meetings
City and Township meetings
County Drainage Ditch Committee
County Library System Committee
County Public Works Committee
County Purchasing, Building, and Building Maintenance Committee
County Solid Waste and Pollution Control Committee
Faribault/Martin County Human Service Board
Faribault/Martin County Transit Board
Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Prairieland Solid Waste Board

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2020 as follows:

Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Ag Task Force
Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment
Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– General Government
Young as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Transportation
Groskreutz as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Health and
Human Services
Roper as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Public Safety
Chair and Vice Chair to Buildings and Grounds
Chair to Citizens Advisory Committee on Court Services
Chair and Vice Chair to Corrections Advisory
Roper to Drug Court Steering Committee
Groskreutz and Roper to Economic Development Agency/Local Redevelopment Agency
Warmka to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers
Warmka and Young to Extension
Groskreutz to Housing Redevelopment Agency
Young to Huntley Sewer Service District
Roper and Loveall to Insurance committee
Chair and Vice Chair to Investment
Warmka to Labor Management with Roper as alternate
Chair to Law Library
Groskreutz to Mankato Rehabilitation Center Inc.
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate
Groskreutz to Minnesota Valley Action Council
Roper and Warmka to Parks
Chair and Vice Chair to Personnel/Labor Negotiations

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Young to Planning and Zoning
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety
Loveall to Region Nine
Warmka to River Alliance (11 County) with Loveall as alternate
Warmka to Rural Minnesota Energy Task Force with Young as alternate
Loveall and Warmka to Solid Waste/Recycling
Warmka to South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board
Roper to Private Industry Council and Workforce
Warmka to Veteran Drug Court and Steering
Groskreutz and Warmka to Weed Control
Warmka and Loveall to Wetland Bank
Young to 9-1-1

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-01 setting gopher bounty for 2020 at two dollars for each pocket gopher and fifty cents for each striped and grey gopher. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 348.12, provides that the County Board of Commissioners may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of certain animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to said statute, there is paid a bounty of two dollars (\$2.00) for each pocket gopher destroyed and fifty cents (\$.50) to be paid for each striped and grey gopher destroyed in Faribault County during the year 2020.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously authorizing commissioners, other officials, and the Central Services Director to attend association, region, and district meetings in 2020.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint the full board, engineer, central services director, and assessor as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties with the recorder as alternate.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve per diems of \$40 per day for citizen committee members and set mileage reimbursement for citizen committee members, officials, and employees at the IRS rate.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint Lars Bierly of Blue Earth to a 5-year term on the Economic Development Authority ending December 31, 2024 and Morris Hanson, Jr. of Winnebago to a 3-year term on the Board of Adjustments ending December 31, 2022.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-02 granting a gambling permit to the Wells Area Chamber of Commerce for The Golden Bubble. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has considered the application of Wells Area Chamber of Commerce to operate paddlewheels and raffles at the The Golden Bubble, Foster Township.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve said application and authorize the County Auditor to sign necessary approval forms.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-03 granting a gambling permit to Stateliners Snowmobile Club. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has considered the application of Stateliners Snowmobile Club to operate a raffle.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve said application and authorize the County Auditor to sign necessary approval forms.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-04 for distribution of trust payment from the United States Fish & Wildlife Services. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services has made a trust payment of \$28,000.00 due to their purchase of Parcel No. 05.008.0700 in Delavan Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that these funds will be distributed to the township, the school district, and the county in proportion to the taxes paid in 2019 as follows: Delavan Township will receive \$4,940, Blue Earth Area School will receive \$4,461, and Faribault County will receive \$18,599.

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Groskreutz motion died for lack of second to adopt a resolution granting consent to continue accepting the initial resettlement of refugees.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried to adopt Resolution 20-CB-05 granting consent to continue accepting the initial resettlement of refugees. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes. Commissioner Loveall voted no.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13888 issued by the President of the United States of America on September 26, 2019 requires local governments to provide written consent to the federal government prior to any refugees being initially resettled within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners have considered the impact to current and future residence and taxpayers of continuing to accept the initial resettlement of refugees within Faribault County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Faribault County grants consent to continue accepting the initial resettlement of refugees within its borders until withdrawn as per the terms of Executive Order 13888; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator will hereby notify the United States Department of State of Faribault County's consent by January 21, 2020.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Faribault County Register as the official County newspaper for 2020 at \$2.65 per column inch and an index of 0.2607.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-CB-06 granting a gambling permit to the Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce for Riverside Town & Country Club. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has considered the request of Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce to operate a raffle at Riverside Town & Country Club, Verona Township on January 24, 2020 with prizes totaling less than \$1500.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby approves said request and authorize the County Auditor to sign any necessary approval forms.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve requests from L. Frommie to attend a 3-day 2020 Governor's HSEM conference in Brooklyn Center, Assessor Department to attend 2020 regional meetings, and N. Bleess to attend a 2-day Basic Operator training in St. Paul.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve signature on joint powers agreement with the City of Blue Earth on Project SAP 022-616-027, Trunk Highway 169.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on Blue Earth city council and Groskreutz reported on Northern Natural Gas project in Freeborn and AMC.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously appoint Retha Rasmussen of Winnebago to a 3-year term on the Extension committee ending December 31, 2022 and Robin Stenzel to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission ending December 31, 2022.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$552,379.34 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 277,404.88
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	116,659.46
DEBT SERVICE FUND	153,525.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	<u>4,790.00</u>
	\$ 552,379.34

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. January 21, 2020.

Tom Warmka, Chair

Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board

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