

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 5, 2021

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in regular session via teleconference at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2021. The following members were present: Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser and Acting Clerk to the Board Clara Vereide also attended. Also participating in the call were B. Douglas, C. Lewis, J. Blair, M. Lore, S. Hauskins, G. Paschke, L. Rebuffoni, and D. Anderson; members of the public K. Mertens, B. Bruegger, G. Carlson, and M. Steele.

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 2021.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Roper as Chair for 2021.

Young/Loveall motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Roper as chair for 2021.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Young as Vice-chair for 2021.

Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Young as vice-chair for 2021.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the December 15, 2020 regular meeting.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda with additions of January 5, 2021.

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The calendar was updated.

During public comment Brad Bruegger of Wells spoke on the odor from R & R Hogs.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to request the review of R & R Hogs conditional use permit by the Planning and Zoning Board and to bring results and MCPA results back to the board.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported that transit will start charging fees and Groskreutz reported on MVAC.

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Commissioner Loveall introduced a resolution regarding adequate resources to handle COVID-19 in Faribault County. Garth Carlson of Winnebago spoke regarding the resolution.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to request the County Attorney review the resolution regarding adequate resources to handle COVID-19 in Faribault County to be brought forth at next meeting.

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Brandee Douglas met regarding Le Sueur One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) policy committee.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint District 4 Commissioner to the Le Sueur One Watershed One Plan policy committee, and District 5 Commissioner as alternate in the absence of the designated member.

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Annie Leibel met regarding former Winnebago Super Valu property update.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried to accept the State of Minnesota's County Coronavirus Relief Aid in the amount of \$268,008.58 and directing the Faribault County EDA to administer the business and non-profit grant program utilizing up to \$6,700.21 of the \$268,008.58 for administration costs. Commissioner Young voted no.

Young motion to amend to call special meeting of board of commissioners to review the distribution died for lack of second.

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Mark Daly met regarding public works business.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to advertise for the following projects: striping, seal coat oil, crack seal, 2021 Federal Aid bridges 9984, 9978, and 22503.

Set January 25, 2021 at 10:00 for annual Park Board meeting.

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No one appeared to make during Drainage Authority public comment.

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Lexi Scholten met regarding central services business.

Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with IUOE regarding the Shop Lead Worker position.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to set the first and third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. as regular board meeting dates for 2021 and drainage meeting will be set for the first Tuesday of each month following the regular meeting.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2021:

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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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2021 as follows:

Anderson as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Ag Task Force  
Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment  
Anderson 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 and Veteran Drug Court  
Groskreutz and Young to Economic Development Agency/Local Redevelopment Agency

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Groskreutz to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers  
Anderson 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  
Young to Labor Management with Roper as alternate  
Chair to Law Library  
Anderson to Mankato Rehabilitation Center Inc.  
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate  
Groskreutz to Minnesota Valley Action Council  
Roper and Anderson to Parks  
Chair and Vice Chair to Personnel/Labor Negotiations  
Young to Planning and Zoning  
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety  
Loveall to Region Nine  
Anderson to River Alliance (11 County) with Loveall as alternate  
Loveall and Young to Solid Waste/Recycling  
Groskreutz to South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board  
Roper to Private Industry Council and Workforce  
Groskreutz and Anderson to Weed Control  
Anderson and Loveall to Wetland Bank  
Young to 9-1-1  
District 4 & 5 Commissioners to One Watershed One Plan

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Loveall/Groskreutz to recess at 11:55 a.m. to Drainage Authority.

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Regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-CB-01 setting gopher bounty for 2021 at two dollars for each pocket gopher and fifty cents for each striped and grey gopher. Commissioners Anderson, Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, 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 2021.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously authorizing commissioners, other officials, and the Central Services Director to attend association, region, and district meetings in 2021.

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

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Young/Anderson 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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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve citizen committee member appointments: John P. Herman of Wells to a 6-year term on Economic Development Authority ending December 31, 2026; Douglas Bruckhoff of Wells to a 3-year term on Extension ending December 31, 2023; Kerry Doyle of Brice lyn to a 3-year term on Extension ending December 31, 2023; Shellie Poetter of Blue Earth to a 3-year term on Library Board ending December 31, 2023; Allen Aukes of Blue Earth to a 3-year term on Planning Commission ending December 31, 2023; and Morris Hanson, Jr. to a 3-year term on Planning Commission ending December 31, 2023.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Faribault County Register as the official County newspaper for 2021 at \$2.75 per column inch and an index of 0.2705.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS grant of \$3,000.00 and loan of \$14,657.22 for Joshua Nuessmeier on Parcel No. 02.026.0800 in Blue Earth Township.

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Groskreutz/Young to approve training requests from B. Gehrking to attend a 2-day U.S. Police Canine Assoc. narcotic re-certification at New Hope and L. Scholten to attend a 3-day virtual AMC Practical Leadership and a 4-day virtual County Government 101.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$339,174.10 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 58,561.21
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	55,342.07

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HUMAN SERVICES FUND	222,521.37
DITCH FUND	2,286.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	<u>463.45</u>
	\$ 339,174.10

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. January 19, 2021.

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John Roper, Chair

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Clara Vereide, Acting Clerk to the Board