

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 3, 2021

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 August 3, 2021. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, Deputy Joe Anderson, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Kevin Mertens, and Milt Steele were also present. Also participating in the call were Faribault County employees: J. Blair, K. Anderson, S. Asmus, M. Lore, and S. Hauskins.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roper. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the July 20, 2021 regular and drainage authority meetings, and July 13, 2021 CD24 hearing.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of August 3, 2021.

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The calendar was updated.

No member of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Anderson reported on MRCI; Loveall reported on One Watershed, One Plan; and Roper reported on Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to closed session for Prairieland litigation discussion with attorneys. Present were Commissioners, County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Central Services Director Lexi Scholten, and Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to reopen meeting. Meeting was called back to order. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser recapped the closed session.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Sarah Van Moer as Central Services Assistant in Central Services.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Brent Peterson as Assistant County Attorney in the County Attorney's Office.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business. A construction update was given.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid in the amount of \$224,250.00 from Freeborn County Coop for CP 21-600-20 Fuel/Gasoline project.

Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt resolution CP 20-600-20, Crack Seal Project. Loveall, Anderson, Groskreutz, Roper, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, CP 20-600-20, 2021 Crack Seal Project has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, the final contract amount is \$29,553.72 which is \$342.51 (1.0%) less than the original contract bid of \$29,896.23; and

WHEREAS, to date \$0.00 has been paid to the contractor leaving the balance of \$29,553.72; and

WHEREAS, the work has been performed satisfactorily and all necessary forms have been completed and received by the Highway Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Faribault, Minnesota, that we do hereby accept said completed project and authorize final payment to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a temporary intoxicating liquor license to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4486 at a cost of \$30 for a social event held at the City of Blue Earth Municipal Airport on September 12, 2021.
Young and Roper abstained from voting.

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A work session was scheduled for 9:00 am August 31, 2021, to discuss the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to change the time of the regular drainage authority meetings to 1:00 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with scheduled time set aside for public comment at the first meeting each month.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a request from A. Wachlin to attend a 2-day MDRA State Meeting in St. Cloud.

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No member of the public appeared during Drainage public comment.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to pay audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 425,774.70 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 193,196.10
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	9,025.42
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	222,521.37
DITCH FUND	120.00
NON REV/DISB A	911.81
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	\$ 425,774.70

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The meeting was recessed to 9:00 a.m. August 17, 2021.

John Roper, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board

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