

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 September 21, 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, Deputy Tom Elmer, 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, L. Scholten, and S. Asmus.

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

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the September 7, 2021 regular and drainage authority meetings.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of September 21, 2021.

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The calendar was updated.

No members of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given, including updates from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Fall Policy Conference. Anderson reported on AMC - General Government; Groskreutz reported on the CD62 open field day, AMC - Health & Human Services, and MVAC board meeting; and Roper reported on AMC - Public Safety, Workforce Development, and MVAC.

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Community and Business Development Specialist Annie Nichols met regarding Economic Development Authority business.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Jack Heinitz from the EDA.

Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint David Roper to the EDA to fulfill the remainder of Heinitz's term which runs through the end of 2022.

Nichols spoke about various EDA programs and the impact they are having.

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Planning & Zoning Administrator Loria Rebuffoni met regarding proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance Sections 6 & 7 - Shoreland Agriculture and General Agriculture Districts.

Young/Anderson motion carried to approve amending Zoning Ordinance Sections 6 & 7 to eliminate the requirement of a conditional use permit for two dwellings on a property. Commissioner Young voted no.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to amend Zoning Ordinance Sections 6 & 7 to change the requirement of ordinary high water level setbacks for buildings from 200' to 150' to coincide with the DNR standards:

Sections 6&7 – A-1 Shoreland Agriculture District and A-2 General Agriculture District – County Board Proceedings

The Faribault County Zoning Ordinance was established to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare throughout the County enabled by Minnesota State Statutes 103F, 394, and Rule 6120.2600.

The intent to amend the existing ordinance was raised over concerns of standards in place specifically for Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) setbacks to structures in the A-1 Shoreland Agriculture District and A-2 General Agriculture District, as well as requiring a Conditional Use Permit for two dwellings that are occupied In Sections 6&7 of the Ordinance.

Notification was published as required by law on July 26th, 2021. The Planning Commission met on August 9th, 2021 where the Commission voted to recommend the final draft to the County Board, which passed on September 21st, 2021.

The above notice is a summary of amendments to Sections 6&7. A full text is available at the Faribault County Auditor's Office, at the Planning & Zoning Office, and on the Planning & Zoning website.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business. Discussion was held regarding bonding options. Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser initiating work with the bond agency and gathering numbers for a possible \$12 million dollar bond. Construction plans were also discussed.

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 21-CB-89 approving the proposed levy & budget for 2022. Commissioners Loveall, Groskreutz, Anderson, Young, and Roper voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioner has considered the financial needs of Faribault County,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the budget of Faribault County for 2022 will be set at \$26,119,412 in revenues and \$25,982,673 in expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said budget be kept on file in the Office of the County Auditor/Treasurer for public inspection.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the levy of Faribault County for 2022 will be set at \$13,445,536 before state aid reductions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the levy after reduction of program aid of \$700,015 be appropriated to the proper funds as follows:

General Fund (including Library)	\$8,006,742
Public Works Fund	1,218,196
Humans Services Fund	2,651,236
Courthouse Bonds 2021	104,474
Courthouse Bonds 2018	115,343
Jail Bonds	649,530
 Total Net Levy	 \$12,745,521

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of said levy will be on file with the County Auditor/Treasurer of Faribault County.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried to approve a new 3-year agreement with the Regents of the University of Minnesota for extension services. Commissioners Young and Groskreutz voted no.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously approving Resolution 21-CB-90 classifying and setting a basic sales price of tax forfeited land. Commissioners Anderson, Groskreutz, Young, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and the County Board has considered the following:

1. The present use of all parcels of property adjacent to the parcels
2. The potential productivity of the soil that is part of the tax-forfeited land,
3. The character of any forest or other vegetation growing on the tax-forfeited land,
4. The existing and potential accessibility of the tax-forfeited land to established roads, schools, and other public services,
5. The suitability or desirability of the tax-forfeited land for uses, and
6. The suitability of the land's forest resources for multiple uses and sustained yield management, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the classification is to achieve the following:

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1. Encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property;
2. Reduce local and state government expenses;
3. Conserve and develop the state's natural resources; and
4. Encourage economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners classifies the following parcels as "Non-Conservation Land" pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land on the Forfeited Tax Classification & Appraisal List 2021-C, copies of which are on file in the office of the County Auditor, have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01 subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the lists of parcels do not need approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to be offered for sale, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the basic sales price be set as stated on the list.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the updated rental lease with Human Services for the Annex building reflecting a rent increase of 3% over 2021 effective January 1, 2022.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit application for Minn Iowa Golf Club to operate a Raffle on September 25, 2021.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve training requests from E. Beske and K. Smith to attend a 2-day PSAP 911 conference in Alexandria; J. Blair to attend a 2-day Southern Region MN Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, & Finance Officers meeting in Morton; and M. Sonnek to attend a 3-day MN Jail Programs & Services fall conference in Deerwood.

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

Auditor warrants for August 1 to August 31, 2021 totaling \$1,340,415.00 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for August 1 to August 31, 2021

Date	Amount	Description
8/5/2021 Total	394,291.37	Auditor warrants
8/12/2021 Total	163,698.36	Auditor warrants
8/19/2021 Total	169,879.63	Auditor warrants
8/26/2021 Total	612,545.64	Auditor warrants
Grand Total	1,340,415.00	Total Auditor warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for August 1 to August 31, 2021 totaling \$1,040,769.77 as follows:

ACH/EFT Warrant Approval List for August 1 to August 31, 2021

Date	Amount	Description
8/3/2021 Total	279,628.37	Commissioner warrants
8/5/2021 Total	198,827.30	Auditor warrants
8/12/2021 Total	23,772.31	Auditor warrants
8/17/2021 Total	436,887.77	Commissioner warrants
8/19/2021 Total	98,783.43	Auditor warrants
8/26/2021 Total	2,870.59	Auditor warrants
Grand Total	1,040,769.77	Total ACH/EFT warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 457,289.03 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 99,446.37
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	305,108.49
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	3,157.00
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	49.00
DITCH FUND	42,979.59
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	1,458.00
NON REV/DISB A	5,090.58
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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned for September 2021.

John Roper, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board

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