

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 16, 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, K. Anderson, and A. Scholtes.

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

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Anderson/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the November 2, 2021 regular and drainage authority meetings.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda of November 16, 2021 with an addition.

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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. Groskreutz reported on MVAC, and Towards Zero Deaths; Young reported on building & grounds, and Prairieland.

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County Assessor Gertrude Paschke met regarding office business.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a \$4,320 payment to Beacon as a one-time set up fee for the ability to pull data from the Vanguard CAMA database to Beacon, using recorder compliance funds.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley and Chief Deputy Scott Adams met regarding office business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to sign the South Central Drug Investigation Unit (SCDIU) joint powers agreement renewal. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to direct the County Coordinator to apply for the Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative Grant for two metal detectors without thermal scan for a total project cost of \$5,993.82.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding office business.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to table the request to revise the current personnel policy regarding County vehicle use.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business. Discussion was held regarding bonding options. Construction plans were discussed, and current project updates were given.

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Randy Anderson met regarding the Faribault County Historical Society. Anderson stated that grants of \$163,000 for the Church of the Good Shepherd in Blue Earth and \$191,000 for the jail in Walters were awarded from the Minnesota State Historical Society.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Roper and Commissioner Groskreutz to continue to represent the Board on the Human Services executive committee in 2022.

Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Young and Commissioner Anderson to the Prairieland executive committee in 2022.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Young and Commissioner Groskreutz to the Transit committee for 2022.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-CB-105 Approving Public Landowner Tax Forfeiture Auction Date and Parcel List 2021-C. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Faribault County, State of Minnesota, 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 have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01, and

WHEREAS, that the basic sale price of each parcel on List 2021-C of Tax Forfeited Land has been set by the County Board of Commissioners and is on file with the County Auditor-Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the parcels of tax forfeited land listed on List 2021-C of Tax Forfeited Land be approved and the authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of said Tax Forfeited Land will be held outside at the front steps of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street, Blue Earth, MN with an alternate location due to inclement weather of inside the courthouse in the main level hallway at 9:00AM, Friday, December 17, 2021, by the Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer for not less than the basic sale price and that all sales shall be in full payment at the time of the sale.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to move item #14 on the agenda, the request to consider approving the repurchase of a tax forfeited parcel in Easton by the prior owner, to the last item on the agenda.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-CB-106 selling tax forfeited parcel 30.238.0880 to the Wells Housing and Rehabilitation Authority to provide affordable housing. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 30.238.0880 forfeited to the State of Minnesota in favor of the Taxing Districts on November 16, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has hereby classified the parcel as non-conservation property, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has set the market value of said parcel at \$100.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Wells has applied to the Faribault County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (d) to purchase the parcel for the reduced value of \$1.00 and has documented that the Wells Housing and Rehabilitation Authority plans to provide affordable housing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the request of the City of Wells on behalf of the Wells Housing & Rehabilitation Authority to purchase Parcel No. 30.238.0880 for \$1.00 plus any associated fees involved in the transaction.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-CB-107 classifying and setting basic sales price of tax forfeited land in Elmore. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, said parcel of land has 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:

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 parcel 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 Parcel No. 25.681.0011 has been viewed and complies 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 parcel does 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 \$100 per parcel.

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Young/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-CB-108 selling tax forfeited parcels to the City of Elmore to correct blight. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

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WHEREAS, Parcel Nos. 25.681.0150, 25.681.0151, 25.681.0011, 25.200.0310, and 25.200.0320 forfeited to the State of Minnesota in favor of the Taxing Districts on September 4, 2012, May 6, 2015, September 1, 2017, August 6, 2007, and August 6, 2007, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has hereby classified the parcels as non-conservation property, and

WHEREAS, said parcels have structures that are in a blighted condition and said blight has caused the value of the parcel to be reduced, and

WHEREAS, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners has set the market value of said parcels at \$100.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmore has applied to the Faribault County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (d) to purchase the parcels for the reduced value of \$1.00 each and has documented that the city plans to correct blighted conditions on the property,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the request of the City of Elmore to purchase Parcel Nos. 25.681.0150, 25.681.0151, 25.681.0011, 25.200.0310, and 25.200.0320 for \$1.00 each plus any associated fees involved in the transaction.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve a septic grant in the amount of \$3,000 and loan in the amount of \$5,642.92 to Sandra Ruiz Pliego and Fredy Pliego Hernandez for parcel 03.005.0302 in Brush Creek Township.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve a training request from C. Davis to attend a 2-day MSCIC annual winter conference in Mankato.

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

Auditor warrants for October 1 to October 31, 2021 totaling \$ 1,875,897.54 as follows:

ACH/EFT Warrant Approval List for October 1 to October 31, 2021		
Date	Amount	Description
10/5/2021 Total	315,669.75	Commissioner warrants
10/7/2021 Total	322,081.12	Auditor warrants
10/14/2021 Total	6,524.52	Auditor warrants
10/19/2021 Total	133,888.28	Commissioner warrants
10/21/2021 Total	1,096,391.95	Auditor warrants
10/28/2021 Total	1,341.92	Auditor warrants
Grand Total	1,875,897.54	Total ACH/EFT warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for October 1 to October 31, 2021 totaling \$ 2,624,837.48 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for October 1 to October 31, 2021		
Date	Amount	Description
10/7/2021 Total	454,634.84	Auditor warrants
10/14/2021 Total	231,875.15	Auditor warrants
10/21/2021 Total	1,912,988.37	Auditor warrants
10/28/2021 Total	25,339.12	Auditor warrants
Grand Total	2,624,837.48	Total Auditor warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 304,430.24 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 209,688.83
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	38,092.30
DITCH FUND	50,380.24
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	372.95
ADVANCE TAX & OTHER	168.27
NON-REV/DISB A	5,727.65
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Groskreutz/Anderson motion failed to adopt the resolution to approve repurchase of tax forfeited parcel no. 24.036.7900 in Easton by the prior owner. Commissioners Groskreutz and Roper voted yes. Commissioners Young, Anderson, and Loveall voted no.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned for November 2021.

John Roper, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board

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