

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 17, 2022

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 May 17, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer, Deputy Tom Elmer, and members of the public M. Steele and K. Mertens also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees C. Lewis, K. Anderson, S. Hauskins, J. Blair, and L. Scholten.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the May 3, 2022 regular, drainage authority, and joint drainage meetings, and joint drainage meeting from March 15, 2022.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of May 17, 2022.

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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 Toward Zero Deaths. Roper reported on Prairieland, Drug Court Steering Committee, and MVAC Finance Committee. Anderson reported on GBERBA, and the CD21 trial. Loveall reported on a Region Nine board of directors meeting.

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Loria Rebuffoni met regarding Planning & Zoning business.

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Mark Daly met regarding Public Works business. Construction updates were given.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-RB06-37 renewing the State of Minnesota and Faribault County Master Partnership Contract. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write “work orders” against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the County of Faribault enter into a Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Board.
2. That the proper County officers are authorized to execute such contract, and any amendments thereto.
3. That the County Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the County Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the County of Faribault without further approval by this Board.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the concrete and masonry contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Donald R. Frantz Concrete Construction, LLC in the amount of \$179,360.00.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the mechanical contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Associated Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,721,035.00.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the wall covering and painting contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Steinbrecher Painting Company in the amount of \$87,400.00.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the demolition contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Ramsey Companies in the amount of \$255,470.00.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the updated liquor license fee schedule and to order a liquor license fee public hearing for 9:30 a.m. on June 21, 2022, in the courthouse board room.

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Building & Facilities Maintenance Director Saxon Warmka joined the meeting for discussion related to the Annex roof.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to direct the Human Services Executive Committee to move forward with a 3% rent increase for the Annex building.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to close the session for attorney-client privileged discussion regarding the pending CD21 litigation.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young; County Auditor Darren Esser, County Attorney Cameron Davis, Drainage Manager Merissa Lore, and Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer. Attorney Roger Justin joined virtually.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to come back into regular session.

County Attorney Cameron Davis gave a recap of the closed session stating that legal options were discussed with the litigation attorney in the wake of the CD21 jury trial.

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Central Services Director Lexi Scholten met regarding Central Services business.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the hire of Taylor Doering as Engineering Intern and Tory McCormick as Seasonal Mowing.

Anderson/Roper motion carried to approve the labor contract as presented with LELS. Loveall and Groskreutz voted no. Anderson, Roper, and Young voted yes.

Roper/Anderson motion carried to approve the labor contract as presented with IUOE. Loveall and Groskreutz voted no. Anderson, Roper, and Young voted yes.

Anderson/Roper motion carried to approve the labor contract as presented with MNPEA. Loveall and Groskreutz voted no. Anderson, Roper, and Young voted yes.

Roper/Anderson motion carried to approve the labor contract as presented with AFSCME. Loveall and Groskreutz voted no. Anderson, Roper, and Young voted yes.

Roper/Anderson motion carried to approve the annual non-union employees pay/benefit considerations for 2022 including a 5% wage increase; matching county insurance contributions as outlined in AFSCME, LELS, and MNPEA contracts; backpay for wages and benefits retroactive to January 1, 2022; and matching LELS hazard pay increases for the sheriff, chief deputy sheriff, jail administrator, and deputy jail administrator. Loveall voted no.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve raising the part time dispatch/jailer wage to meet step one of the LELS union pay scale.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to regretfully accept the resignation of Lexi Scholten as Central Services Director.

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Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the training request from D. Killion to attend a Communications Officer Training Workshop in St. Peter.

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

Auditor warrants for April 1 to April 30, 2022 totaling \$496,210.28 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval List for April 1 to April 30, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
4/7/2022 Total	253,947.62	Auditor Warrants
4/14/2022 Total	79,047.82	Auditor Warrants
4/21/2022 Total	93,954.83	Auditor Warrants
4/28/2022 Total	69,260.01	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	\$496,210.28	

ACH-EFT warrants for April 1 to April 30, 2022 totaling \$414,780.46 as follows:

ACH - EFT Approval List for April 1 to April 30, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
4/5/2022 Total	216,423.72	Commissioner Warrants
4/7/2022 Total	78,683.20	Auditor Warrants
4/14/2022 Total	1,062.16	Auditor Warrants
4/19/2022 Total	114,684.18	Commissioner Warrants
4/21/2022 Total	2,858.92	Auditor Warrants
4/28/2022 Total	1,068.28	Auditor Warrants
	\$414,780.46	Total ACH - EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$225,400.85 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 93,328.76
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	68,374.92
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	5,820.80
DITCH FUND	52,413.88
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	46.00
SETTLEMENT AGENCY FUND	5,261.00
NON REV/DISB A FUND	155.49
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The meeting was adjourned for May 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board