

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, 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 G. Paschke, K. Anderson, S. Hauskins, J. Blair, B. Rauenhorst, and L. Mehrhof.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the June 7, 2022 regular and drainage authority meetings, and June 14, 2022 Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting.

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The agenda and calendar were updated.

No members of the public appeared during public comment.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on MVAC, Prairieland, the CEDA annual meeting, transit, and AMC District VII. Roper reported on workforce development. Anderson reported on Prairieland. Loveall reported on AMC and a joint drainage meeting with Blue Earth County.

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A Liquor License Fee Public Hearing was held. Jeff Erickson of the Golden Bubble and Megan Hanson-Haase of Riverside Town & Country Club attended. Erickson and Hanson-Haase commented on the proposed fee changes.

Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to direct the county coordinator to draft a resolution to present at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting lowering the four county issued licenses to \$300 total for on and off sale licenses and to waive the 2023 fees to the extent allowed by law.

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Mike Gormley and Scott Adams met regarding Sheriff's Office business.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the school resource officer contract with Blue Earth Area schools.

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Saxon Warmka met regarding Buildings & Grounds business.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve upgrading the two current older Buildings & Grounds vehicles by replacing them with a single newer 1-ton pickup from the Sheriff's Office at a net cost of \$24,000.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Office procuring a new vehicle.

Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to award the 2023 garbage and recycling contract for the courthouse block to B&B Sanitation for \$260.51 due to improved customer service provided by a local Faribault County business. Two other bids were received, Hometown Sanitation for \$250.00 and Waste Management for \$252.00.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 40-foot Conex-type storage container from Any Way You Want It Storage at a cost of \$6,200.00 to store items currently in the courthouse attic that need to be relocated for the HVAC project, and to locate the container on the public works grounds in Blue Earth.

Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to move forward with the three-stage replacement plan for the Annex roof repair using Patten Roofing at a cost of \$20,240.00 per section.

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

Groskreutz/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the 5-year construction plan as presented, with the knowledge that it will likely be updated again.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the ceiling & acoustical treatment contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Sonus Interiors, Inc. in the amount of \$50,603.00, and to direct the county coordinator to process signature electronically.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the drywall contract for the courthouse HVAC project with Custom Drywall, Inc. in the amount of \$110,450.00, and to direct the county coordinator to process signature electronically.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of David O'Brien as Building/Facilities Maintenance Assistant.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Pamela Krill as Central Services Director.

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Roper/Anderson motion carried to update the mileage reimbursement rate for citizen committee members, officials, and employees to \$0.625 per mile beginning July 1, 2022. Groskreutz voted no.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-43 establishing an absentee ballot board. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Faribault County is required by Minnesota Statutes 203B.121, Subdv.1 to establish an Absentee Ballot Board effective June 24, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, this board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee ballots, mail ballots, and UOCAVA ballots in Faribault County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Absentee Ballot Board would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy county auditors trained in the processing and counting of absentee ballots;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy auditors to perform the task as listed in the County Auditor's Office.

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Anderson/Roper motion carried unanimously to setting non-deputy-auditor ballot board member per diem and mileage rates to that of the Faribault County lay committee members.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve pay application #1 in the amount of \$53,637.00 to Associated Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and pay application #1 in the amount of \$950.00 to Custom Drywall, Inc. for the courthouse HVAC project.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-CB-44 establishing Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District Board, with Commissioner Roper serving in a citizen representative capacity and not as a commissioner. Commissioners Groskreutz, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes. Commissioner Roper abstained from voting.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, on May 3, 2022, authorized a resolution creating the Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District; and

**WHEREAS**, the district was officially established at the close of the 30-day appeal period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners desires the district to be represented by a board made of both Riverside Heights residents and County Commissioners.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District Board consisting of residents Daryl Murray, Ashley Bleess, Corey Survis, and John Roper, and Commissioner Greg Young; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints as advisors to the Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District Board, Chad Viland, SWCD Water Resource Technician, and Darren Esser, County Auditor or their successors; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby tasks the Riverside Heights Subordinate Service District Board with making recommendations to the Faribault County Board of Commissioners regarding said district.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS grant in the amount of \$3,000 to David and Marcene Sonnek for parcel 12.020.0202 in Lura Township.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the training requests from D. Killion to attend a 2022 BCA Criminal Justice Information Users Conference in St. Cloud; L. Frommie to attend a 2022 Assoc of Mn Emergency Managers Conference in Breezy Point; V. Do to attend a Threat Liaison Officer Certification Training in St. Paul and a Street-Smart Cop training in Forest Lake; and B. Douglas to attend online Excel Productivity Advanced and Microsoft Teams Advanced courses.

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

Auditor warrants for May 1 to May 31, 2022 totaling \$2,904,146.34 as follows:

Auditor Warrant Approval for May 1 through May 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
5/5/2022 Total	285,792.29	Auditor Warrants
5/12/2022 Total	202,315.65	Auditor Warrants
5/17/2022 Total	20.00	Auditor Warrants
5/19/2022 Total	175,485.79	Auditor Warrants
5/20/2022 Total	1,934.00	Auditor Warrants
5/24/2022 Total	2,225,592.36	Auditor Warrants
5/26/2022 Total	13,006.25	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	2,904,146.34	Total Auditor Warrants

ACH-EFT warrants for May 1 to May 31, 2022 totaling \$2,284,614.21 as follows:

ACH - EFT Approval List for May 1 through May 31, 2022		
Date	Amount	Description
5/3/2022 Total	279,520.62	Commissioner Warrants
5/5/2022 Total	189,394.72	Auditor Warrants
5/12/2022 Total	4,186.41	Auditor Warrants
5/17/2022 Total	162,819.76	Commissioner Warrants
5/19/2022 Total	2,302.15	Auditor Warrants
5/24/2022 Total	1,642,666.32	Auditor Warrants
5/26/2022 Total	3,724.23	Auditor Warrants
Grand Total	2284614.21	Total ACH - EFT Warrants

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$242,103.67 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 101,262.08
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	101,916.06
DITCH FUND	38,849.18
NON REV/DISB A FUND	76.35
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The meeting was adjourned for June 2022.

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Greg Young, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board