

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 2, 2013

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 April 2, 2013. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson was also present.

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

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the March 19, 2013 regular meeting.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 2, 2013.

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The calendar was updated. No member of the public appeared to make comment.

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Committee reports were given. Warmka reported on Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) legislative meeting, EMS board, and wind energy board; Roper reported AMC policy meeting, RC&D, and annual township meeting; and Loveall report on AMC environmental policy meeting and planning and zoning meeting.

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Regional Director Nathan Crane, Nutrition Education Assistant Sarah Smith, and 4-H Program Coordinator Donna Leff, Extension Service met regarding office business.

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Committee reports resumed. Groskreutz reported on AMC policy meeting, public safety committee, Public Health meeting, Mn River Board watershed meeting, and MRCI; Young reported on AMC legislative meeting and transportation committee.

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Public Works Director John McDonald met regarding office business. Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 Design Project Manager Brent Benzkofer also attended. An update was given on the Highway 169 project in Blue Earth. The bid letting date has been moved to April 26, 2013 for the project. An agreement with revised financial amounts may be ready for the next board meeting.

Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve bituminous materials bid to Flint Hills Resource LP of West Fargo ND in the amount of \$309,464 for 570 tons. Other bids received were HG Meges of Eau Claire WI for \$311,721.60 and Jebro Incorporated for \$350,367.60.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the engineer obtaining quotes on two mowers.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 13-RB02-07 encouraging the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's transportation system. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Counties have had to rely increasingly on the property tax to maintain roads and bridges; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

**WHEREAS,** the rural road networks in the state should be adequate to bring goods to market; and

**WHEREAS,** transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the overall transportation and transit needs for Minnesota exceed \$.25 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years; and

**WHEREAS,** transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the wheelage fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all county boards to implement to meet their specific county needs; and

**WHEREAS,** a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's transportation system.

Discussion was held regarding the costs involved with CR13. A meeting will be held later this week on the project design between county officials and Blue Earth Township officials.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve requests from D. Sundquist to attend a 3-day Mn Fraud Investigators Assoc. conference in Walker; L. Frommie to attend a 1-day South Central Minnesota Emergency Preparedness conference in Mankato; L. Krachmer to attend a 1-day Mn GIS/LIS Consortium workshop in Minneapolis; and D. Hanson to attend a 4-day Mn County Veteran Services Officers conference in Nisswa.

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Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the repurchase of Parcel No. 25.032.0143 in the City of Elmore for a total of \$4,549.17 to Consumer Enterprises LLC.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve an abatement to John Engen and Susan Shafer-Engen of \$240 on Parcel No. 30-200-5440 in the City of Wells.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve an abatement to Lynn and Cynthia Krachmer of \$168.00 on Parcel No. 31-102-0020 in the City of Winnebago.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve abatement to Monene R. Amundson of \$338 on Parcel No. 26-002-4300 in the City of Frost.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$158,988.67 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 108,748.24
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	41,796.96
DEBT SERVICE FUND	806.25
DITCH FUND	2,982.22

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TAX AND PENALTIES (EVEN) 4,655.00

\$ 158,988.67

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The meeting was recessed to 12:00 p.m. drainage authority meeting.

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Greg Young, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator