

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 23, 2013

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of July 2, 2013 at the Faribault County Fairgrounds in the City of Blue Earth at 5:00 p.m. on July 23, 2013. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson and County Attorney Troy Timmerman were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the July 2, 2013 regular meeting.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of July 23, 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 presented. Warmka reported on the ITC powerline meeting and AMC; Roper reported on a Darling International meeting with Young, family drug court, and EDA; Loveall reported on Region 9 and labor negotiations with Groskreutz; Groskreutz reported on MVAC with Roper and Minnesota River Board.

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Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning Program Administrator Michele Stindtman met regarding office business.

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Faribault, Martin and Jackson County Problem Solving Court Coordinator Miranda Rose met to update the board.

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Public Works Director John McDonald met regarding office business. A construction update was given.

Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to reject the sole bid received from Icon Constructors, LLC of \$590,871.30 for the replacement of Bridge 89204 and re-bid in 2014 as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources who is funding the replacement.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to use County Road 2 from Highway 169 west to the Martin County line as a detour during road construction of Highway 169 south of Elmore in 2014 and directed the chair to sign the agreement.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously accept the quote for deicing salt of \$64.67 per ton from North American Salt Inc. of Overland Park, KS. Other quotes received were from Morton International Inc of Chicago IL for \$65.79 per ton, Central Salt of Elgin IL for \$66.66 per ton, Independent Salt Company of Kanopolis KS for \$71.75 per ton, and Mills & Miller, Inc. of Brandon SD for \$73.00 per ton.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to accept the quote for traffic marking paint from AAA Striping of St. Michael MN for \$79,626. One other bid was received from Traffic Marking Service of Maple Lake MN for \$80,438.

Roper/Warmka motion carried to approve Resolution 13-RB08-22 for the implementation of wheelage tax. Commissioners Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes. Commissioners Groskreutz and Loveall voted no.

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Faribault County's transportation infrastructure forms the backbone of the county's economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for highway systems has not kept pace with maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, provides, in part, that the Board of Commissioners of each county is authorized to levy a wheelage tax on each motor vehicle which is kept in such county when not in operation and which is subject to annual registration and taxation under Chap. 168 at a rate of \$10 per vehicle through 2017 and up to \$20 per vehicle in 2018 and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat 163.051 further provides that the board may provide by resolution for collection of the wheelage tax by county officials or it may request that the tax be collected by the state registrar of motor vehicles, and the state registrar of motor vehicles shall collect such tax on behalf of the county if requested; and

**WHEREAS,** Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, Subd. 2, provides, in part, that the wheelage tax levied by any county, if made collectible by the state registrar of motor vehicles, shall be certified by the County Auditor to the registrar not later than August 1 in the year before the calendar year or years for which the tax is levied, and the Registrar shall collect such tax with the motor vehicle taxes on the affected vehicles for such year or years; and

**WHEREAS,** Minn. Stat. 163.051, Section 4, Subd. 4, provides that the Treasurer of each county receiving proceeds from the wheelage tax is to deposit such proceeds in the county road and bridge fund, which moneys shall be used for purposes authorized by law which are highway purposes within the meaning of the Minnesota Constitution, Article 14; and

**WHEREAS,** the Faribault County Board of Commissioners desires to implement such a wheelage tax and have the state registrar of motor vehicles collect the same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners authorize and impose a wheelage tax as provided for in Minn. Stat. 163.051 of \$10.00 for the year 2014 and each subsequent year thereafter, subject to levy limits and other factors, on each motor vehicle which is kept in Faribault County when no in operation and which is subject to taxation and registration under Chapter 168.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Faribault County requests the state registrar of motor vehicles to collect the wheelage tax on behalf of the county.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve request of L. Eastman to attend a 3-day Mn CVSO conference in St. Cloud; D. Fellows to attend a 1-day Human Resources training in Sioux Falls, SD plus mileage for out of state travel and a two-day Human Resources training in St Cloud.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS severance agreement with Ag Star Financial Services on Parcel No. 06.014.0200.

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Gene Stallkamp thanked the County Board and staff for holding their meeting at the Faribault County Fair.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$224,695.91 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 110,973.21
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	70,719.07
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	47.65
DITCH FUNDS	<u>42,955.98</u>
	\$ 224,695.91

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The meeting was adjourned for July.

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Greg Young, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator