

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 7, 2014

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 January 7, 2014. 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 also attended.

The meeting was called to order by County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator/Clerk to Board John Thompson

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Thompson called for nominations for Chair for the year 2014.

Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Loveall as Chair for 2014.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Loveall as chair for 2014.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Groskreutz as Vice-chair for 2014.

Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Groskreutz as vice-chair for 2014.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting.

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Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of January 7, 2014.

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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. Roper reported on RC&D final meetings; Warmka and Loveall reported on the Industrial Park wetland issue meeting with the City of Blue Earth officials; and Warmka reported on Extension.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to set the first and third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. as regular board meeting dates and set the first Tuesday of each month following the regular board meeting as drainage authority meeting dates for 2014.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 14-CB-01 setting gopher bounty for 2013 at two dollars for each pocket gopher and fifty cents for each striped and grey gopher. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 348.12, provides that the County Board of Commissioners may by resolution offer a bounty for the destruction of certain animals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that pursuant to said statute, there is paid a bounty of two dollars (\$2.00) for each pocket gopher destroyed and fifty cents (\$.50) to be paid for each striped and grey gopher destroyed in Faribault County during the year 2014.

Discussion was held regarding coyote bounty.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously authorizing commissioners, other officials, and the Central Services director to attend association, region and district meetings and approve in-state travel.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried to appropriate \$1,000 from general revenue to the agricultural society for 2014 per Minnesota Statute 375.79

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Central Service Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business. It was reported that Faribault County had received an “Outstanding Experience” award from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint the full board, engineer, assessor, and recorder as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties with the auditor/treasurer as alternate.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve per diems of \$30 per day for lay committee members and set mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate.

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Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to appoint Austin Bressler of Huntley to the Huntley Sewer Board to complete the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2014.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve requests from P. Campbell and D. Bullerman to attend a 2-day MSCIC winter law enforcement conference in Mankato.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2014:

- County Purchasing, Building, and Building Maintenance Committee
- County Public Works Committee
- County Drainage Ditch Committee
- County Solid Waste and Pollution Control Committee
- County Environmental and Resources Management Committee
- County Parks Committee
- County Law Enforcement Center Building Committee
- County Library System Committee
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- AMC Committees and Meetings
- Prairieland Solid Waste Board
- Faribault/Martin County Human Service Board
- City and Township meetings

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to recommend John Roper as representative on Prairie.

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Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning Program Administrator Michele Stindtman and Assistant Program Administrator Brandee Douglas met regarding planning and zoning business. Discussion was held on the need to obtain permits exceeding certain heights due to federal and state rules.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to table discussion on the fee structure for Planning and Zoning until the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to start the process of updating the 7080/7081 rules for septic ordinance changes beginning with the planning commission.

An update on the comprehensive plan was provided.

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Public Works Engineer John McDonald met regarding office business. City Administrator and Region Nine representatives met regarding a request for Faribault County to act as fiscal administration of a Safe Routes grant for the City of Wells and the United South Central School.

Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 14-RB01-02 to act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Alternative" project at United South Central School. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the County of Faribault act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Alternatives" project identified as the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks to the new United South Central School site and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon to enhance student pedestrian and bicyclist safety in crossing State Highway 22 within the City of Wells and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That John McDonald is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportation Alternatives projects receive federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with alternative funds, this requirement should be applied to the project proposer; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Faribault is the sponsoring agency for the Transportation Alternatives project identified as the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks to the new United South Central School site and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon to enhance student pedestrian and bicyclist safety in crossing State Highway 22 within the City of Wells.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the sponsoring agency hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned Transportation Alternatives project.

Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 14-RB02-03 to act as sponsoring agency for a Safe Routes to School project within the City of Wells. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the County of Faribault act as sponsoring agency for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project within the City of Wells and acknowledges herewith that it is willing to be the project sponsor knowing full well that such sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That John McDonald is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to design, construct, operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal

transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated \$4,000,000 has been authorized for Minnesota's Safe Routes to School Program in the Federal Transportation bill to improve conditions and quality of bicycling and walking to school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with SRTS funds, this requirement should be applied to the project sponsor; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Faribault is the project sponsor for the Safe Routes to School Project within the City of Wells which includes the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks to the new United South Central School site and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon to enhance student pedestrian and bicyclist safety in crossing State Highway 22.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to close the meeting for discussion on the negotiations of the sale of land for wetland bank purposes to the City of Blue Earth. Present were Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young, County Attorney Troy Timmerman, and Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson.

Meeting was reopened and a recap of the closed session was given.

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Faribault County Development Corporation Executive Director Linsey Warmka, Blue Earth City Administrator Kathy Bailey, and City Engineers Wes Brown and Bill Douglas of Bolton and Menk met regarding the wetland issues of the industrial park project in Blue Earth.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to sell 3.6 acres of wetland to the City of Blue Earth for \$39,987.50 along with an agreement that Faribault County would be reimbursed for half of the easement of an unnamed road on the east side of the Law Enforcement Center and that the City of Blue Earth would pay all costs included the recording, deed, sales tax, and Board of Water and Soil Resources fees.

Discussion was held regarding the issue of street parking with the reconstruction of Second Street.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to table awarding of bids for the official newspaper.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2014 as follows:

Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota – Ag Task Force  
Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment  
Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota – General Government  
Young as delegate to Association of Minnesota – Transportation  
Groskreutz as delegate to Association of Minnesota – Health and  
Human Services  
Roper as delegate to Association of Minnesota – Public Safety  
Warmka and Groskreutz to Budget  
Chair and Vice-Chair to Buildings and Grounds  
Chair to Citizens Advisory Committee on Court Services  
Chair to Corrections Advisory  
Roper to Drug Court Steering Committee and Family Dependency Treatment  
Center  
Groskreutz and Roper to Economic Development Agency  
Warmka to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers  
Warmka and Young to Extension  
Loveall to Facility  
Roper and Groskreutz to Faribault County Local Redevelopment Agency  
Roper to Family Drug Court and Steering Committee  
Groskreutz to Housing Redevelopment Agency  
Young to Huntley Sewer Service District  
Roper to I-90 Corp. and Highway 169 Improvement  
Roper and Young to insurance committee  
Groskreutz and Roper to Investment  
Warmka to Labor Management with Young as alternate  
Chair to Law Library  
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate  
Groskreutz and Roper to Minnesota Valley Action Council  
Groskreutz to Minnesota River Board with Young as alternate  
Young to 9-1-1  
Roper and Warmka to Parks  
Loveall and Roper to Personnel/Labor Negotiations  
Loveall to Planning and Zoning  
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety  
Loveall to Region Nine  
Roper to Resource Conservation Development with Young as alternate  
Roper and Young to Region Nine Renewable Energy Taskforce  
Warmka to River Alliance (11 County) with Groskreutz as alternate

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Warmka to Rural Minnesota Energy Task Force with Young as alternate  
Young and Warmka to Solid Waste  
Young to South Central Community Based Initiative with Roper as alternate  
Roper to South Central Private Industry Council and Workforce  
Warmka to South Central Regional Radio Board  
Loveall and Groskreutz to Transit  
Warmka to Veteran Drug Court & Steering  
Groskreutz and Warmka to Weed Control  
Warmka and Loveall to Wetland Bank

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to close meeting for discussion of pending litigation and labor negotiations. Present were Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young, County Attorney Troy Timmerman, Central Services Director Dawn Fellows, and Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson.

Meeting was reopened and a recap of the closed session was given.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$ 203,367.08, which includes the bills paid in the last week of December 2013 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 131,046.04
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	71,094.04
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	739.00
HUNTLEY SEWER DISTRICT	<u>488.00</u>
	\$ 203,367.08

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The meeting was recessed to 1:00 p.m. Drainage Authority meeting.

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Tom Loveall, Chairman

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator

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