

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 4, 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 February 4, 2014. 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 Loveall. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 4, 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 SHIP and EDA. Groskreutz reported on EDA and MRCI.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint Ken Ripley of Blue Earth to fulfill Carmen Klatt's 3-year term on the Extension Committee ending December 31, 2015 and reappointed Sharon Grunske of Minnesota Lake to a 5-year term on the Economic Development Authority committee ending December 31, 2018.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to accept a quote from Dikken Furniture & Decorating Inc. of Blue Earth of \$1,811.47 for carpet and installation in the break room. One other quote was received from Armon Decorating for \$2,043.15.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 14-CB-05 supporting legislation that allows counties to designate their county website for publishing public notices. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, counties are currently required by law to publish public notices in a designated official newspaper for the county (Minn. Stat. § 331A); and

WHEREAS, counties are committed to providing information to citizens and increasing access to information about county operations and business; and

WHEREAS, citizens expect and demand information in an immediate format; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited resources and must utilize tax dollars in the most efficient way possible; and

WHEREAS, counties should have the authority to determine the best and most efficient method of communicating information to citizens based on citizen expectations; and

WHEREAS, counties are continuously improving and investing in technology to reach more citizens in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, utilizing county websites to publish public notices would eliminate the time and costly burden of publishing in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, county websites are increasingly the first place citizens look for information about their counties; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county websites to provide citizens with up-to-date, detailed information exceeds that of print media;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners supports HF1286 and SF1152, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would allow counties to publish certain public notices on their websites instead of, or in addition to, in an official newspaper.

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Tax Clerk Lorrie Bosma met regarding SSTS business.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS loan of \$14,923.48 to Gene and Deb Murphy of Blue Earth on Parcel No. 02.016.0401.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the 2014-2016 Minnesota Public Employees Association (MNPEA) labor agreement.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to accept the 2014-2016 contract with Optimum Solutions for payroll software and services.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve requests of D. Killion to attend a 1-day CPR instructor recertification in Mankato; J. McDonald to attend a 1-day Transportation Day at the Capital in St. Paul; G. Paschke to attend three 1-week courses for Accredited MN Assessor licensure in Plymouth; and J. Anderson and T. Hanevik to attend a 3-day Mn Jail Programs & Services conference in Mankato.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to table replacing Maureen Mittelstadt on the Planning and Zoning Board to the February 18, 2014 meeting.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to have a planning and zoning work session.

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

Groskreutz/Warmka to adopt Resolution 14-RB03-06 entering into Agreement No. 05282 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for detours in 2014. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

IT IS RESOLVED, that Faribault County enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 05282 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of Faribault County State Aid Highways 1, 6, 8, and 16 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 90 from 1.98 miles west of T.H. 169 to 0.6 miles east of T.H. 22 under State Project No. 8827-112 (T.H.90).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator and the Public Works Director are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the agreement.

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Discussion was held regarding parking at the courthouse after the 2014 reconstruction of 2nd Street. Blue Earth City Administrator Kathy Bailey also attended. In the option presented to the board the parking spots would be reduced from the present 37 spots to 33 or 27 spots. The cost will be an additional \$15,000 under the 27 spot option. The City of Blue Earth will be holding a hearing on March 3, 2014. The Board took the issue under advisement.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to close the meeting for discussion regarding pending litigation. Present were Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Loveall, Warmka, and Young, Attorney Troy Timmerman, and Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator John Thompson.

Meeting was re-opened. The Chair gave a synopsis of the closed session.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$72,092.09 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 35,773.48
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	23,292.61
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	12,566.00
DITCH FUND	<u>460.00</u>
	\$ 72,092.09

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The meeting was recessed to Drainage Authority meeting.

Tom Loveall, Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator