

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 2, 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 December 2, 2014. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson and Attorney Troy Timmerman were 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 November 18, 2014 regular meeting.

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Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of December 2, 2014.

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The calendar was updated. Blue Earth City Administrator Tim Ibisch met during public comment. A walk through of the tax-forfeited building will be December 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

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Committee reports were presented. Commissioner Warmka reported on Extension and Emergency Communications (formerly Radio Board); Roper reported on the road tour; Groskreutz reported on MRCI and Community Health.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 14-CB-45 creating a Joint Powers Board, establish a transition grant, and hire an administrator. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Faribault County and Martin County currently provide separate Section 5311 public transit demand responsive services in their respective Counties, and;

WHEREAS, these services are provided with funding from the State of Minnesota, fare box revenues, and local share revenues from each county for their county transit system, and;

WHEREAS, Faribault and Martin County understand that limitations in funding, personnel, and capital resources are a barrier in assuring that the residents of both Faribault County and Martin County have access to a robust public transportation service, and;

WHEREAS, both counties recently participated in a comprehensive, cooperative Faribault-Martin County Transit Restructuring Planning Study that identified potential organizational models, policy board structure and service design, and;

WHEREAS, Commissioners from both Faribault and Martin counties were representatives on the Planning Study and are supportive of moving forward to plan for a two-county consolidated transit system, that provide for potential benefits, such as;

- Improved customer service/seamlessness in terms of fares, service coverage, and informational tools
- Increased availability of transit services, with potential new destinations and expanded service hours
- Improved cost effectiveness for the agencies operating services
- Economic development and facilities development opportunities
- Improved relationships between organizations by way of shared governance and multijurisdictional political support, and;

WHEREAS, to successfully implement a two-county consolidated transit system Faribault and Martin County understand that formulating a Joint Powers Board and providing for an administrative team leader (Transit Director) during the planning phase and then to lead the newly branded transit system is crucial, and;

WHEREAS, Faribault and Martin County agree that participation of all County Commissioners in the creation and development of a Joint Powers Board for a two-county Public Transit Services is also a critical component for moving forward with consolidating services, and;

WHEREAS, Faribault County and Martin County will work together to carry-out a series of specific implementation tasks to facilitate the creation of a Joint Powers Board, and;

NOW THEREFORE, be it first resolved that Faribault County hereby wish to participate in the creation of a two-county Joint Powers Board for Public Transit Services with Martin County, which will then make decisions regarding internal staffing and contracting, service planning, operations, marketing/public information, and capital and financial planning, and;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Faribault and Martin County wish to provide Administrative leadership to participate in this process with the hiring of a Transit Director, who will serve in the interim with the planning and transition duties associated with the merging of the two system and, if successful, will continue as an employee of the Joint Powers Board to lead the newly branded Public Transit System, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Faribault County and Martin County will participate in the creation and submittal of a Consolidation Transition Grant with the State of Minnesota Office of Transit to participate at 85% of the costs related to the Transit Director and merging, rebranding and transferring of property and assets of the two county public transit system's and that the two counties will share in the cost of local share (15%).

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Veterans Services Officer David Hanson met regarding office business.

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

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried to approve the final payment of \$45,125.35 to Structural Specialties, Inc. for the South Walnut Lake bridge project #60002 funded by the Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Warmka voted no.

Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the final payment of \$56,767.35 to ICON Constructors for Project #60618.

Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 14-RB10-46 supporting the City of Blue Earth's pursuit of Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds for the reconstruction of 21st Street and to sponsor the City of Blue Earth's Local Road Improvement Program application to MnDOT and act as the city's fiscal agent for this project. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the existing 21st Street is in poor structural condition and performs poorly during wet conditions in the spring and heavy rain events, becoming soft and unstable making it undesirable and at times unusable for automobile and heavy commercial use, and

WHEREAS, during wet conditions in the spring and heavy rain events, 21st Street experiences overtopping due to insufficient conveyance capacity in the existing drainage infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, 21st Street, along with 95th Street and 382nd Avenue, provides a direct route from TH 169 to the Darling Ingredients, Inc. rendering plant for heavy commercial vehicle access, and

WHEREAS, during wet conditions there is restricted access to Darling Ingredients along 21st Street and trucks are re-routing their trips through the City along South Ramsey Street, causing delays and unwanted heavy commercial trips through the city, and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report recommending the reconstruction of 21st Street between TH 169 and approximately 1,400 feet west providing structural and drainage improvements and a reliable direct access to Darling Ingredients, and

WHEREAS, the city is preparing engineering plans for the reconstruction of the existing 21st Street to a new rural 10-ton concrete road section, and

WHEREAS, the reconstructed roadway will provide adequate strength and a roadway centerline profile that is approximately 2 feet higher in elevation than the current roadway, providing a suitable road structure and proper drainage, and

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation makes available up to \$750,000 to apply towards projects

on local roads that are regionally significant, result in safety improvements, and address transportation deficiencies, and

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) requires non State Aid cities to identify a project sponsor to support the application and act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the City of Blue Earth, and

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Earth has requested by resolution that Faribault County act as the Project Sponsor and Fiscal Agent, as required by the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), for the City's LRIP funding application and the associated project for the reconstruction of 21st Street, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided by resolution, the assurance that the City of Blue Earth will pay all cost associated with the project and that city staff will ensure that all aspects of LRIP funding requirements are met and the project's schedule is adhered to, and

WHEREAS, the proposed year for said project construction is 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The County supports the City of Blue Earth's pursuit of Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds for the reconstruction of 21st Street from TH 169 and westerly 1,400 feet, and the County agrees to sponsor the City of Blue Earth's Local Road Improvement Program application to MnDOT and act as the city's fiscal agent for this project.

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Warmka/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the requests of M. Stevermer to attend a 2-day MSCIC winter conference in Mankato and D. Fellows to attend a 1-day Region Nine data practices training in Mankato.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve a recycling and solid waste license for B & B Sanitation.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a partial payment of \$20,575.14 to Holtmeier Construction for JD 7 Br GG repair.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$ 63,221.81 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 39,038.53
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	21,167.68
DITCH FUND	<u>3,015.60</u>
	\$ 63,221.81

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The meeting was recessed to Drainage Authority meeting.

Tom Loveall, Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator