

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 6, 2015

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 6, 2015. 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 2015.

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Groskreutz as Chair for 2015.

Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Groskreutz as chair for 2015.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Warmka as Vice-chair for 2015.

Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Warmka as vice-chair for 2015.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the December 16, 2014 regular meeting.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of January 6, 2015.

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

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Blue Earth City Administrator Tim Ibisch met to discuss the bid for demolition on the Ankeny building in Blue Earth.

Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to table the building demolition issue until the next board meeting.

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Central Service Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt the Human Resources Records Retention Schedule as presented.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 15-CB-01 setting gopher bounty for 2015 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.

**RESOLUTION**

**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 2015.

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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/Loveall motion carried to appropriate \$1,000 from general revenue to the agricultural society for 2015 per Minnesota Statute 375.79

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

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve per diems of \$40 per day for lay committee members and set mileage reimbursement for lay committee members and employees at the IRS rate.

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

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with attorneys at law Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger P.A. to provide professional services in the area relating to zoning and land use issues with a \$3,600 retainer for 2015.

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Veteran Services Officer Dave Hanson met regarding office business.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve displaying the national motto “In God We Trust” in the board room and directed staff to obtain suitable signage.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley met regarding office business.

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 15-CB-02 to accept Aquatic Invasive Species County Program Aid for funds received in 2014 and 2015. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** there are fifteen water bodies in Faribault County and it is unknown if the lakes are infested with an aquatic invasive species (AIS), and;

**WHEREAS,** Zebra Mussels, and other AIS are known to prolifically spread from lake to lake by human activities and may have detrimental impacts on the ecological, economic, and recreational vitality of lakes in this county and;

**WHEREAS,** MN Statute 477A.19 enacted by the Legislature in 2014 provides Minnesota counties a County Aid Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. Faribault County was allocated approximately \$15,845.00 for 2014 and \$35,212.00 in 2015 and years following, and;

**WHEREAS,** the legislation requires that the County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds, which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the County and submit a copy of the guidelines for the use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December of the year the payments are received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners:

1. Designates oversight of AIS to the Faribault County Sheriff's Office and the Faribault County Soil and Water District and delegates them the responsibility to prepare and implement annually a plan to allocate the funding in accordance with the above legislation.
2. Directs the Faribault County Sheriff's Office and the Faribault County Soil and Water District to assemble and facilitate a County AIS Task Force consisting of local stakeholders including local residence, lake associations, sportsmen's clubs, lake property owners, and local government units.
3. Seeks to develop a County AIS plan based on the following over-arching goals:
  - a. Preserve Faribault County's aquatic recreational heritage by engaging positive approaches to address AIS that assist and educate tourists to reach 100% compliance.
  - b. Improve the efficiency of inspections so as to welcome boaters and expedite loading and launching, while ensuring watercraft are free of AIS and boaters are imbued in prevention practices.
  - c. Implement sustainable AIS prevention practices across Faribault County through partnerships with water recreation-based businesses, individual lake associations, and local government units.
  - d. Collaborate to develop and/or deliver educational curriculum and public relations messaging that reaches the broadest audience with a consistent message about AIS and how everyone can efficiently stop the spread.
  - e. Identify and implement proven and/or innovative methods to manage existing AIS infestations that limit the potential for spreading and reduce impacts of AIS on lake ecology and recreational use.
4. Supports involvement in and funding of multi-county collaborative efforts for educational and awareness campaigns, inspection and decontamination programs, and research projects related to AIS that provide benefits to Faribault County residents and resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Sheriff Department and Soil and Water District shall establish an annual budget for, and oversee the implementation of, activities outlined in the County AIS Plan, which shall be reviewed and revised from time to time with input from the AIS Task Force, and shall report annually to the Board and the State on the progress of plan initiatives and expenditures of County Aid for AIS Prevention.

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Warmka/Roper 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 2015.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint entire board to the following committees for 2015:

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

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Roper/Young motion carried to change the committee assignment for Personnel to chair and vice chair. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, and Young voted yes. Commissioners Loveall and Warmka voted no.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint commissioners to committees for 2015 as follows:

- Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Ag Task Force
- Loveall as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties – Environment
- Warmka as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– General Government
- Young as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Transportation
- Groskreutz as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Health and Human Services
- Roper as delegate to Association of Minnesota Counties– Public Safety
- Chair and Vice Chair to Buildings and Grounds
- Chair to Citizens Advisory Committee on Court Services
- Chair and Vice Chair to Corrections Advisory
- Roper to Drug Court Steering Committee
- Groskreutz and Roper to Economic Development Agency/Local Redevelopment Agency
- Warmka to Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers
- Warmka and Young to Extension
- Groskreutz to Housing Redevelopment Agency
- Young to Huntley Sewer Service District

Roper to I-90 Corp. and Highway 169 Improvement  
Roper and Loveall to Insurance committee  
Chair and Vice Chair to Investment  
Young to Labor Management with Roper as alternate  
Chair to Law Library  
Groskreutz to Mankato Rehabilitation Center Inc.  
Roper to Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust voting delegate  
Groskreutz and Roper to Minnesota Valley Action Council  
Roper and Warmka to Parks  
Chair and Vice Chair to Personnel/Labor Negotiations  
Loveall to Planning and Zoning  
Groskreutz and Roper to Public Safety  
Loveall to Region Nine  
Warmka to River Alliance (11 County) with Loveall as alternate  
Warmka to Rural Minnesota Energy Task Force with Young as alternate  
Loveall and Warmka to Solid Waste  
Young to South Central Community Based Initiative with Roper as alternate  
Warmka to South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board  
Roper to South Central Private Industry Council and Workforce  
Loveall and Groskreutz to Transit  
Warmka to Veteran Drug Court and Steering  
Groskreutz and Warmka to Weed Control  
Warmka and Loveall to Wetland Bank

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Citizen committee appointments were considered.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint Don Nichols of Kiester to the Housing and Redevelopment Agency board for a term ending December 31, 2017.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint Duane Ehrich of Blue Earth to the Board of Adjustments for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint Morris Hanson Jr. of Blue Earth to the Board of Adjustments for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint Lars Bierly of Blue Earth to the Economic Development Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2019.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint Kerry Doyle of Easton to the Extension Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint Rick Herman of Wells to the Extension Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to appoint Justine Hougen of Blue Earth to the Housing Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2019.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to appoint Kimberly Sasse of Frost to the Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to appoint Duane Ehrich of Blue Earth to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to appoint Morris Hanson Jr. of Winnebago to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to amend a 2012 detour agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation to reflect that the detour was in place for 87 days rather than the 40 days originally stated.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve requests of S. Adams, M. Gormley, and M. Purvis to attend a 1-day BCA field drug analysis testing certification at Mankato; D. Fellows to attend a 2-day NPELRA labor relations academy in Plymouth; and D. Fellows to attend two 1-day IMPA HR trainings in St. Paul.

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Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve a partial payment to Holtmeier Construction of \$207,007.61 on Project No. 12-14012.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$178,222.67 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 106,447.46
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	52,466.41
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTH.	100.00
ISTS LOAN FUND	18,918.75
NON REVENUE/DISB	<u>290.05</u>
	\$ 178,222.67

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

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William Groskreutz Jr., Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator