

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 7, 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 April 7, 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 were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of April 7, 2015.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting.

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The calendar was updated.

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Committee reports were given. Young reported on train noise issues with the City of Blue Earth; Roper reported on the Elmore Council meeting on Elmore Assisted Living and SHIP; Warmka reported on the parks committee, ditch contractor meeting, EMS and EMC meeting, Extension meeting, and Bricelyn railroad issues; and Groskreutz reported on the Minnesota Coalition against larger trucks, HRA, Community Health, and MRCI.

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Tax Clerk Lorrie Bosma met regarding SSTS business.

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS loan to Mark and Pamela Braunshausen on Parcel No. 12.002.0201 in Lura Township for \$8,742.76.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a transit bus and to seek bids for the project.

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Participants of Boy/Girl County attended the meeting.

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Roper/Warmka motion carried to approve Resolution 15-CB-10 opposing an increase in truck size or weight at the state or federal level. Commissioner Loveall voted no.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Faribault County is concerned with the welfare of motorists and the cost, quality and reliability of city, county, and state infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is an important part of the nation's economy and safely sized and weighted trucks are vital to truck drivers to conduct their essential work in a safe and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier or longer trucks would threaten the safety of the traveling public because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, increase wear and tear on equipment and increase crash severity; and

WHEREAS, in Minnesota there were 2,542 large-truck crashes in 2013 and 60 fatalities in 2012 in large-truck crashes; and

WHEREAS, 1,513 bridges in Minnesota are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, according to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, it would cost \$121 billion to repair current structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges nationwide and an additional \$53 billion in costs to allow 97,000-pound trucks, according to USDOT; and

WHEREAS, today's 80,000-pound trucks accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges but only repay approximately 80 percent of the damage they cause; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier trucks to operate would add new costs and proposed 97,000-pound trucks would only repay approximately 50 percent of the damage they cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faribault County opposes any increase in truck size or weight at the state and federal level.

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Wells City Administrator Robin Leslie met regarding a former elevator site that is a forfeited tax parcel.

Loveall/Roper motion carried to participate at 50% with the City of Wells for the demolition of a forfeited tax parcel at an estimated total cost of \$27,500 and to deed the parcel to the City of Wells. Commissioner Warmka voted no.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding office business.

Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 15-RB04-11 an agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program for a grant of \$203,369.78 for the construction of Bridge No. 22620 on CSAH 19. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION
For Agreement to State Transportation Fund
Local Bridge Replacement Program
Grant Terms and Conditions
SAP 22-619-019

WHEREAS, Faribault County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 22620 on CSAH 19; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$203,369.78 by reason of the lowest responsible bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Faribault County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.50, Subdivision 5, Clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to appoint Mark Daly to a 1-year term as Public Works Director beginning May 1, 2015.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve requests from E. Bromeland and M. Sonnek to attend a 1-day De-escalation strategies for Mn Veterans in crisis in Albert Lea; A. Huston to attend a 3-day MN Fraud Investigators Assoc. conference in Walker; D. Hanson and L. Weinandt to attend a 3-day Mn Assoc. of County Veteran Service Officers annual conference in Nisswa, and D. Babcock to attend a 2-day Design of Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans in Arden Hills.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$396,251.59 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 187,645.23
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	200,854.61
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	3,000.00
NON REVENUE/DISB A	<u>4,751.75</u>

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The meeting was recessed to Drainage Authority meeting.

William Groskreutz Jr., Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator