

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 7:30 a.m. on September 29, 2015 to discuss parking concerns on the project to reconstruct CSAH 6 (Main Street) in the City of Blue Earth. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson, Public Works Director Mark Daly, and County Attorney Troy Timmerman were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly reviewed his recommendations for parking on the CSAH 6 project. He recommended full compliance with standards that called for parallel parking. Daly presented a copy of the variance the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) had granted the County to consider diagonal parking but released MNDOT from any possible liability issues because of deviance from standards for such projects.

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Wes Brown of Bolton & Menk Inc., engineer for the City of Blue Earth on the project, reviewed the several options the City of Blue Earth had considered for the project.

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City of Blue Earth Councilmen Russ Erichsrud, John Gartzke, Dan Brod and Mayor Rick Scholtes stated their views on the project.

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Discussion was held on the liability issues and safety concerns.

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Young/Roper motion to proceed with angle parking according to the variance granted by Minnesota Department of Transportation failed. Roper and Young voted yes. Loveall, Warmka, and Groskreutz voted no.

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Young/Roper motion to allow the City of Blue Earth to decide on parking options failed. Roper and Young voted yes. Loveall, Warmka, and Groskreutz voted no.

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Young/Roper motion to allow the City of Blue Earth to decide on parking options providing the City assume liability for parking not designed to standards was withdrawn.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to obtain legal opinion from Attorney Joseph Bromeland on liability issues that may exist for County if the standards are not followed.

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The meeting was adjourned.

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William Groskreutz Jr., Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator