

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of November 3, 2015 at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2015. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. County 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 synopsis and official proceedings of the November 3, 2015 regular meeting.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of November 17, 2015.

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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 MVAC and EDA; Warmka reported on Extension, AMC District meeting, and GEBRBA; Loveall reported on planning and zoning; and Groskreutz reported on MVAC.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley and Chief Deputy Scott Adams met regarding office business.

Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the 2016 – 2017 snowmobile enforcement grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to nominate John Roper to the Human Services Executive Board for 2016.

Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to nominate Greg Young to the Prairieland Executive Board for 2016.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve requests from S. Determan to attend a 1-day mortgage foreclosure, landlord-tenant, firearms confiscation, electronic filing, and collection law workshop in Shakopee and D. Esser to attend a 1-day IFS year end training in New Ulm.

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Warmka/Loveall to approve Resolution 15-CB-45 endorsing the revised County Program Aid formula developed by the Association of Minnesota Counties' County Program Aid Work Group. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

Affirming Faribault County's endorsement of the revised County Program Aid formula developed by the Association of Minnesota Counties' County Program Aid Work Group.

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties are mandated by the state to provide essential services in many program areas including human services, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, counties depend on County Program Aid ("CPA") for the financial sustainability of these state-mandated, county-administered services; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the CPA formula, pursuant MS Chapter 447A.0124, creates considerable volatility in the fund's distribution, interfering with counties' abilities to accurately budget for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current formula's inadequacies have also resulted in the dramatic reduction of funding for one-third of counties, that have lost at least 50 percent of their funding since 2005; and

WHEREAS, despite fluctuations over the past ten years, the state appropriation to the 2015 CPA is equal to the 2005 appropriation making it greatly depressed in terms of inflation; and

WHEREAS, a revised CPA formula in conjunction with additional funding will enable counties to continue to provide quality services that may also translate into reductions in county levies, decreasing the tax burden of Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the CPA Work Group including leadership from twenty counties and representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus to analyze and develop a CPA formula that reflects the pressing needs of Minnesota's counties; and

WHEREAS, the CPA Work Group unanimously approved a revised CPA formula that benefits all Minnesota counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support the proposed CPA formula revisions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Faribault County endorses the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula:

- A funding increase of \$40 million;
- The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid (“TBEA”);
- Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties’ loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

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Warmka/Roper motion carried unanimously to transfer County Ditch 26 separable maintenance in the amount of \$801,461 from the County.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the assessment of \$182,150 for County Ditch 26 Main & Branch B improvement for 15 years at 4% interest.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to remove 2016 County Ditch 24 assessment.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding public works business. A construction update was given.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to award the bid on the 2014-2016 SRTS Sidewalk Improvement Project (SP 022-591-001) from Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. of LeCenter for \$379,161.00 as recommended by the City of Wells after the bid opening for the federal Safe to School project.

Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to adopt a joint powers agreement between the City of Wells, Faribault County, and Bolton and Menk, Inc. for the engineering of the Safe Routes to School project.

Young/Warmka motion carried unanimously to adopt a joint powers agreement between the City of Wells, Faribault County, and Bolton and Menk, Inc. for the construction of the Safe Routes to School project.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 15-RB21-46 adopting the five-year bridge replacement. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Faribault County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by the local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Faribault County has identified those bridges that are high priority that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Faribault County intends to replace or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available.

Bridge No.	Township/ Road No.	Estimated Project Cost	Federal Funds	State Aid Funds	Town Bridge Funds	Local Funds	Bond Funds	Proposed Construction Year
2733	Rome	300,000			270,000	30,000		2016
4453	S-6	1,650,000	1,120,000	250,000			280,000	2016
3130	BE City	500,000			470,000	30,000		2016
9986	CR 25	300,000				50,000	250,000	2016
22519	S-4	300,000		50,000			250,000	2016
9984	S-21	500,000		100,000			400,000	2017
9978	CR 109	500,000				100,000	400,000	2017
2324	Emerald	300,000			270,000	30,000		2017
9967	S-1	300,000		50,000			250,000	2017
6785	S-17	250,000		125,000			125,000	2018
2741	Rome	300,000			270,000	30,000		2018
2742	Seely	300,000			270,000	30,000		2018
22532	Seely	500,000			460,000	40,000		2018
22503	S-9	500,000		100,000			400,000	2019
22504	Clark	500,000			470,000	30,000		2019
L9725	Pilot Grove	300,000			270,000	30,000		2019
L5350	BE City	300,000			270,000	30,000		2019
89034	CR 111	300,000				50,000	250,000	2020
89200	CR 112	400,000				100,000	300,000	2020
L8837	Verona	350,000			320,000	30,000		2020
L5355	Prescott	300,000			270,000	30,000		2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Faribault County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate or remove said bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Faribault County does request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

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Prairie Lakes Transit Director Jeremy Monahan met regarding office business.

Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to contribute \$25,000 to the Prairie Lakes Transit Joint Powers.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to close the meeting. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young; County Attorney Troy Timmerman, Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator John Thompson, and Assessor Lynn Krachmer attended.

Meeting was re-opened. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson gave a short synopsis of the closed meeting regarding real estate negotiations.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$303,039.05 as follows:

COUNTY REVENUE FUND	\$ 111,669.86
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	39,781.82
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	100,000.00
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	44.00
ISTS LOAN FUND	6,688.87
DEBT SERVICE FUND	450.00
FORFEITED TAX SALE FUND	226.60
RECORDER ACCOUNT FUND	50.00
NON REV/DISB A	4,476.90
DITCH FUND	<u>39,651.00</u>
	\$ 303,039.05

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The meeting was adjourned for November 2015.

William Groskreutz Jr., Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator