

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 3, 2016

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of April 19, 2016 at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on May 3, 2016. 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 Warmka.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings of the April 19, 2016 meeting.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of May 3, 2016.

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The calendar was updated. During public comment Mike Johnson and other Delavan Township residents and officials commented on the County Road 18 project.

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Committee reports were given. Groskreutz reported on MRCI and HRA meetings. Warmka reported on transportation meeting with area legislators at the governor's office.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

A construction update on courthouse and other projects was provided.

Commissioners Young and Roper were assigned to a committee to develop a tobacco free policy for county property.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to hire Dillion Krosch as a summer intern with the Public Works Department and Doreen Tennesson as a part time clerk in the County Recorder and County Assessor departments.

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Sheriff Mike Gormley and Chief Deputy Scott Adams met with the board.

Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for federal CFDA 20.616 funds in the amount of \$8,100 for the purchase of four in-squad computers with a local match of \$11,464.00.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the annual Boat & Water Safety Grant.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve training requests for G. Paschke and S. Robbins to attend MN Association of Assessing Officers seminar in St. Cloud.

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Groskreutz/Young motion to approve Resolution 16-PZ02-05 to have Faribault County act as legal sponsor for snowmobile trail maintenance grant from the Department of Natural Resources. Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Warmka voted yes.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Faribault act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the snowmobile trails managed by Blue Earth Snow Rovers, Stateliner’s Snowmobile Club, Blue Earth River Trails, and Snowbirds of Amboy in Faribault County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon approval of its application by the State, the County of Faribault may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department and John Thompson County Auditor are authorized to sign such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mark Daly Director/Engineer of the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

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Commissioners Warmka and Roper along with Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator Thompson will meet with Bricelyn officials to develop plans to demolish a forfeited tax structure.

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Tax Clerk Lorrie Bosma met regarding SSTS loans.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to amend prior loan agreement with Catherine Giefer from \$17,013.96 to \$18,077.50 on Parcel No. 15.035.0100.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS loan to Betty Bernt on Parcel No. 12.015.0702 in the amount of \$7,351.89.

Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve an SSTS loan to Robert Oren & Tim Oren on Parcel No. 17.004.0201 in the amount of \$12,462.92.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding public works business.

County Road 18 project plans were discussed.

Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to authorize the engineer to negotiate with landowners on easements on County Road 18.

Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve sole bid from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. for micro-surfacing on CP 16-600-08 in the amount of \$110,348.80.

Groskreutz/Roper motion to approve bid for seal coat oil from Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$302,355.00 for CP 16-600-01. One other bid was received from Henry G Meigs, LLC in the amount of \$351,486.60.

Young/Roper motion to approve payment to City of Blue Earth per Joint Powers Agreement for SAP 022-606-020 in the amount of \$994,887.22.

A construction update was provided.

It was reported that a grant in the amount of \$2,932.50 for a well in Woods Lake Park was approved by the Minnesota Department of Health. The local share was \$2,932.50.

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Roper/Young motion to approve Resolution 16-CB-06 supporting an increase in gas tax and other fees to maintain and improve roads and bridges in Faribault County. Groskreutz, Roper, Young, and Warmka voted yes. Loveall voted no.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the Faribault County Board of Commissioners is committed to the maintenance of our road and bridge system; and

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota Legislature is considering methods to increase funding to cover an estimated \$600,000,000 annual shortfall in funding for maintenance and improvements of the state's roads and bridges; and

**WHEREAS,** multiple methods are being considered including increased gas tax, sales tax for automobile and truck parts, increased licensing fees, and others; and

**WHEREAS,** costs for repairs of roads and bridges continue to increase, and, the reconstruction of roads and bridges due to a lack of maintenance far exceeds the cost of regular maintenance; and

**WHEREAS,** in a meeting with government leaders April 28, 2016, state representatives requested county commissioners act by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faribault County Board of Commissioners hereby supports an increase in the Minnesota State Fuel Tax rate of \$0.08 phased in over 3 years including all fuels as specified by state statute along with other financing sources to cover for the maintenance of the roads and bridges in the State of Minnesota.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to pay bills totaling \$ 51,477.90 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 46,967.65
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	<u>4,510.25</u>
	\$ 51,477.90

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The meeting was recessed.

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Tom Warmka, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator