

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to the recess of February 5, 2019 at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2019. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. Commissioner Roper was absent. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson and County Attorney Kathryn Karjala 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 February 5, 2019 regular and drainage authority meeting.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of February 19, 2019.

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The calendar was updated.

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Committee reports were given. Loveall reported on Region Nine; Young reported on Prairieland; Warmka reported on Rural Energy Board and AMC legislative conference; and Groskreutz reported on township meeting and AMC legislative conference.

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Central Services Director Dawn Fellows met regarding office business.

Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to hire Jacob Peterson as full-time Deputy in the Sheriff Department.

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Public Works Director Mark Daly met regarding public works business. General Foreman Dennis Wick and Shop Mechanic Craig Hougen also attended.

Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 19-RB03-06 supporting the City of Blue Earth's pursuit of Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds for the reconstruction of Rice Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street and will act as the city's fiscal agent for the project. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Warmka, and Young voted yes. Commissioner Roper was absent.

**RESOLUTION**

02-19-19

**WHEREAS,** the City of Blue Earth wishes to apply for funding through the Local Road Improvement Program administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for street improvements by reconstructing Rice Street from 14<sup>th</sup> Street East to 17<sup>th</sup> Street East and 17<sup>th</sup> Street East from Rice Street to Ramsey Street, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed project includes reconstructing an existing rural section of roadway to a 36-foot-wide urban roadway with curb and gutter, and

**WHEREAS,** Rice Street includes the only access to a multi-field baseball complex and home of the Blue Earth Junior Pirates baseball team, and

**WHEREAS,** Rice Street provides the only access to the Blue Earth High School football field and track and field complex which is the primary playing and competition facility the local high school football, soccer, and track and field teams, and

**WHEREAS,** Rice Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street East provides access to the St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center which provides assisted living, subsidized housing, and adult day care services to approximately 150 residents and is staffed by approximately 200 full and part-time employees, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed project will promote pedestrian safety and provide multimodal transportation options with the construction of sidewalk along the west side of Rice Street and north side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street East, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed sidewalk facility will provide St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center employees a safe and accessible option for walking to work, and its residents safe and accessible outside walking and recreation opportunities, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed sidewalk will provide safe and accessible options for pedestrian travel to sporting and practice events at the nearby high school sports facility and the baseball complex, and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) requires a city, such as Blue Earth, that is not a State Aid city, to have a county sponsor, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed year for said project construction is 2020.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that County of Faribault supports the City of Blue Earth's pursuit of Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds for the reconstruction of Rice Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Faribault agrees to sponsor the City of Blue Earth Local Road Improvement Project application to MnDOT and act as the city's fiscal agent for this project.

Wick and Hougen met regarding the purchase of a skid steer.

Young/Warmka motion failed to purchase a Bobcat T650 for \$58,699 with an option to extend the warranty later. Commissioners Warmka and Young voted yes. Commissioners Loveall and Groskreutz voted no. Commissioner Roper was absent.

Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for CP 19-600-01 for seal coat oil, CP 19-606-06 for crack seal, CP 19-600-09 for micro-surfacing, and CP 19-600-10 for striping.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to authorize payment of \$2,145 to Empire Pipe Service for tile inspection services per contract on CD 21.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve request of L. Rebuffoni to attend a 3-day Mn Assoc. of County Feedlot Officers annual conference in Marshall and K. Smith to attend a 2-day EMT refresher at Bricelyn.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to pay the following bills:

Auditor warrants totaling \$ 1,504,126.24, complete list on file in the Auditor’s office.

ACH-EFT payments from February 5 to February 14, 2019 totaling \$ 570,552.04 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
2/5/2019	\$334,196.70	Commissioner Warrants
2/7/2019	46,058.62	Auditor Warrants
2/14/2019	54,244.16	Auditor Warrants
2/15/2019	136,052.56	Payroll
	\$570,552.04	<b>Total</b>

Audit list and auxiliary totaling \$ 822,853.35 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 120,555.33
PUBLIC WORKS FUND	141,899.68
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	48.00
DITCH FUND	556,275.89
NON REV/DISB A	<u>4,074.45</u>
	\$ 822,853.35

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The meeting was adjourned for February 2019.

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Bill Groskreutz, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator