

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 5th, 2020

At 3:30pm, Vice Chairperson Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Scott Beumer. Also present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, States Attorney Kara Brinster, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20th, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked to add the stream crossing study in Glenfield Township to the agenda. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Discussion was had on the County Gravel Pit. Commissioner Hagel is working with School Lands on this.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent provided an update to the BOCC. Monson stated that Foster County received 7" of snow so far this Fall. Monson mentioned that the culvert on the Dumpground Highway 7 miles south of Highway 200 were shot for elevations on Wednesday October 28th. The culvert on dumpground highway is currently an 18" culvert, and Wold Engineering thought it should be 2-48" or 2-60" culverts. The Road Dept has gone to 5 day work schedules. Monson provided information on a used durapatcher from Normont Equipment. The machine has only 4.4 hours on it. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to purchase the durapatcher for \$55,000 without trade or \$48,000 with trade, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve purchasing of the Culverts on 66th Ave for Mike Rivinius, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. After discussion the motion failed. The BOCC will re-evaluate when those need to be purchased.

Auditor Solberg presented a Courtroom Facility Grant opportunity to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to apply for the grant and to use it on air conditioners in the courtroom, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Human Services Director Teresa Kluth presented the new zone plan to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Emergency Manager Aaron Devereaux presented the Multihazard Mitigation Plan Grant to the BOCC. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the grant and to go with NEXUS to finalize the MHMP, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Admin Lisa Hilbert told the BOCC that there has been a major uptick in positive COVID-19 tests in Foster County. Hilbert mentioned that the Nursing Home needs to test more with our increased number in the County. Commissioner Hagel stated that the BOCC should strongly suggest the public to wear a face covering while conducting business in the Foster County Courthouse. Hagel also suggested that employees wear a face covering while in the hallways or other offices in the courthouse.

Auditor Solberg stated that he would like a backup plan for the election in case he comes down with COVID-19. Solberg stated that he has been training Clerk of Court Danielle Koeplin on how to run the election in case this were to happen. Solberg mentioned to the BOCC that this is a very real possibility and that they do need to be thinking about this.

Solberg presented a request from the Anne Carlson Center for a letter of Support for their Pathway's building project. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the letter of support, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke stated that the Foster County Water Resource Board wants all Foster County Board members to attend their meeting in November to go over plans on working together on stream studies. Commissioner Scanson said the BOCC should send 2 reps to meeting and they can report back.

Commissioner Utke stated that he and Scanson attended a meeting on the Red River Water Project. They will be starting the work in Foster County.

Commissioner Utke asked that the BOCC look at their Goal Spreadsheet and get it updated.

With no further business, Commissioner Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners