

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15th, 2020

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke 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 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 December 1st, 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 Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Auditor Solberg stated that Foster County has spent \$3,650,127.72 this year and have taken in \$3,905,125.98

31043		701 WASH		180.00
31044		AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.		149.15
31045		ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP		87.68
31046		BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.		343.78
31047		BRISS OIL COMPANY		79.00
31048		C & J OIL COMPANY		488.23
31049		CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.		913.41
31050		CHI ST. ALEXIUS CARRINGTON		50.00
31051		COMPUTER EXPRESS		360.00
31052		DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY		510.68
31053		DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC		130.30
31054		DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		57,498.83
31055		ERIK SWENSON		25.00
31056		FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT		845.44
31057		FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER		451.35
31058		IAAO		440.00
31059		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.		964.30
31060		J & R DIRT WORKS, LLC		200.00
31061		LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. CEN.		160.00
31062		LEAF		74.80
31063		LISA D HILBERT		192.47
31064		MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY		82.36
31065		MARCO		406.18
31066		NACVSO		50.00
31067		NAPA AUTO PARTS		17.95
31068		ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES		25.00
31069		ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS		275.00
31070		ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION		10,805.76
31071		OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250		215.00
31072		OK TIRE STORE		93.95
31073		PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.		409.77
31074		PATRIOT FUELS		176.52
31075		PHARMCHEM INC		57.10
31076		QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.		417.00
31077		RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.		827.93
31078		SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL		6,809.00
31079		STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER		2,240.00
31080		SYNCB/AMAZON		68.96
31081		TRUENORTH STEEL, INC.		12,311.30
31082		UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE		200.00
31083		UNIFORM CENTER		31.78
31084		USPS		167.00

Auditor Solberg asked to add NDSU Extension Letter to the agenda. Commissioner Hagel asked to add an announcement the agenda. Commissioner Scanson asked to add 5-year plan on roads to agenda. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Discussion was had on the County Gravel Pit. This had been passed to another person at the State of North Dakota

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent provided an update to the BOCC. Monson mentioned that there has been .5 inches of snow since the last meeting. Monson stated that roads have good bases but have lots of washboards due to dry weather. Monson provided a contract from Midstate's Supply for Nuvo Crack Seal Oil of 10 pallets for \$13,207. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioners Utke and Scanson sat down with Monson to go over 5-year plan. They recommended to chip seal the North Bordulac Road in 2021. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to chip seal the North Bordulac Road in 2021, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Sheriff Justin Johnson approached the BOCC about using CARES funding to purchase a light bar for \$2,023. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to purchase light bar, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Johnson then asked to purchase the new camera system for \$11,495. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to purchase camera system, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and motion passed.

Colleen Sweet, Tobacco Coordinator, asked the BOCC to support a resolution for smoke free law and tobacco control program. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to support the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Sweet then asked the BOCC to support the Tobacco Control Program. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to support the program, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, asked for a motion to approve 5 building permits. Those building permits were for Allied Agronomy, Tyler Beckley, Lucan Stangeland, Jason Dreher, and Jason Sisson. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the building permits for Allied Agronomy, Tyler Beckley, Lucan Stangeland, and Jason Dreher, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the building permit for Jason Sisson, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Commissioners Scanson, Beumer, Utke, and Copenhaver voted aye, while Commissioner Hagel abstained. Motion passed. All building permits can be found at the Foster County Tax Equalization Office.

Auditor Solberg stated that NDSU Extension sent a letter asking to be closed Dec 23,24, and 28th. The BOCC wasn't going to close the building, but stated no problem if they hung up a sign on their door.

Commissioner Utke provided a goal list to all commissioners.

Commissioner Hagel presented proposed changes to the Policy Book. Hagel asked for wording changes to clarify that introductory employees accrue sick leave starting day 1 to match vacation. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the changes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC if they were interested in giving all of Christmas Eve off to employees. Lisa Hilbert stated that the policy states that Every day appointed by the President of the United States or by the Governor of North Dakota for a public holiday or designated by the County Commissioners. President Trump appointed Christmas eve as a day off for Federal Employees. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to close the courthouse on December 24, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg presented the meeting schedule to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Meeting schedule can be found at the Foster County Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Hagel stated that she is on the most committees and would like to get off LEPC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have all Commissioners Keep their same committees and have Commissioner Utke take LEPC from Hagel, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC discussed board chairman. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to have Hagel be chair and Beumer be vice chair, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Madam Chair will take over January 1st, 2021.

With no further business, Commissioner Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners