

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 19th, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also, present were Deputy Auditor Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County 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 April 5th, 2022, regular meeting with one change, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the bills except for the Brager Disposal bill, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33521	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	86.28
33522	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,951.46
33523	AVID HAWK, LLC	55.00
33524	BRISS OIL COMPANY	436.10
33525	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	473.57
33526	COMPUTER EXPRESS	3,264.96
33527	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	110.82
33528	ELLEN ROUNDY	142.74
33529	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	997.95
33530	JERRY BIEL	100.00
33531	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	93.00
33532	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	10,698.54
33533	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	1,115.00
33534	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	6,000.00
33535	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	840.73
33536	SEACHANGE PRINTING & MARKETING SERVICES, LLC	2,687.50
33537	SYNCB/AMAZON	337.92

Old Business

Commissioner Hagel will talk to the Emergency Manager about having NEXUS contract with grant writing.

Commissioner Utke received a phone call from the regional township supervisor about the agreement made with townships. After the April 1st deadline, noncontracted townships will be charged at a rate of \$125/hour for road maintenance work.

Commissioner Scanson made a motion for the Auditor's office to send a copy of the Township Grant Application to every Township Supervisor, Chairman and Clerk in Foster County so then can apply for grants, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke presented the board with a snow removal policy and a snow closure policy. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the snow removal policy seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to include the snow removal policy with the grant paperwork being mailed out to township supervisors, chairman and clerk, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC will make changes to the courthouse closure policy and approve it at a later date.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated since the last meeting there has been 21" of snow. The Road Department is done with crack sealing. Mike Rivinius will attend the May 3rd BOCC meeting with options on chip seal bids. Monson stated he would like the board to start looking at bidding for the Grace City and John Deere blades.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, approached the board asking for authorization to sign for acceptance for the BlueCross Blue Shield Healthy Community's Coalition grant for the playground on the West side of town. The health agency was awarded \$4,000 for the project. Commissioner Scanson made a motion seconded by Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the board asking for approval of the conditional use permit for Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. and four building permits for Gerlad Nicholson, Cash Biel, Steve Wede and Chuck Hoppe, all approved at the Planning and Zoning meeting on April 19th. Commissioner Scanson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Deputy Auditor, approached the board to have Auditor Solberg removed from the bank cards and Ellen Roundy added to all bank cards excluding the Clerk of Court. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approved seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel presented the board with Auditor Brad Solberg's resignation effective the 15th of April. Discussion was had on how to handle the position. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to appoint Ellen Roundy as interim Auditor seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel presented the board with the salary scale and requested to move the interim to the first step of the Auditor on the scale. Commissioner Hagel reiterated that Roundy has been in the office for 5 years. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the interim position to Grade 18, step one, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call included:

- Commissioner Hagel – Aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye
- Commissioner Scanson – Aye
- Commissioner Utke – Aye

Motion carried. Commissioner Hagel asked to have the Deputy Auditor position opened and published. Commissioner Utke made a motion seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted in aye and the motion passed.

During the Commissioner discussion Chairman Copenhaver stepped out and Vice-Chairman Scanson continued the meeting. Discussion was had on how to handle the Ambulance building, no decision made. Chairman Copenhaver resumed leading the meeting.

The BOCC has options with FirstNet on phones and tablets for the board. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to purchase phones and tablets for the BOCC seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted nay and the motion failed. Commissioner Hagel made a motion for the BOCC to get phones and to pursue the option of tablets after budgeting, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nothing was reported on committee reports for the board. Commissioner Utke suggested having a reoccurring calendar for deadlines, so items are not overlooked. Commisisoner Utke made a motion to publish road encroachment for two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners