

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3rd, 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 Interim 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 19th, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson requested to add the Brager bill as services run April through September. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the bills with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

33557	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	15.88
33558	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	126.49
33559	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	290.40
33560	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,633.75
33561	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	228.00
33562	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	86.97
33563	CENTRAL CITY H20+	80.00
33564	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES	345.60
33565	CMF	1,551.11
33566	COREAN SWART	244.83
33567	CRAIG WIESZ	89.52
33568	CRISIS CARE CHAPLAINCY	50.00
33569	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	155.04
33570	DEFENSIVE EDGE TRAINING & CONSULTING, INC.,	450.00
33571	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,373.04
33572	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	900.00
33573	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD.	307.50
33574	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	43,174.00
33575	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	789.93
33576	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	21.05
33577	LARSEN PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.	5,650.00
33578	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	21.44
33579	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	50.00
33580	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	608.77
33581	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	4,590.80
33582	OFFICE DEPOT	388.80
33583	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	1,115.00
33584	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	6,000.00
33585	PHARMCHEM INC	188.70
33586	RELENTLESS LLC	649.00
33587	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	252.90
33588	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	480.70
33589	SIDWELL COMPANY	65.00
33590	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	32,851.65

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

Old Business

Commissioner Scanson updated the board on the community garden. There will be a better location in town with better soil for this garden. If needed, the location in the county can be used as backup.

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel spoke with Daniel Schwartz, NEXUS, and will bring more information to the June 7th Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Utke has no update for the Courthouse Closure policy.

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 a few minor repairs to equipment. The department has started blading

and there are currently six roads closed: two in Estabrook, one in Longview, one in Wyard, and the Clark/Hart bridge. Discussion was had on planning for putting load restrictions on county gravel roads next year. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to gravel Gross Road, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call included: Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhagen: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye, motion carried. The road department has durapatched six times hitting 26 spots within the county. Discussion was had on bidding for two new motor graders. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to post the bid in the newspaper June 27th, July 4th and July 11th, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion was had on culvert in approach on McHenry highway (11th St NE). Nate will report back at the next meeting.

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, presented the BOCC with options from April 8th bid opening for project SC-1600(12). Option 1: complete project as bid. Option 2: only complete the Dump Ground Road and 7th St S/2nd St NE. Option 3: Only complete Barlow Road. Option 4: Not accept any bid. Commissioner Hagel read the bid specifications received from Morris Sealcoat, Inc. as the low bid winner. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the bid in its entirety (option 1), seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhagen: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye, motion carried.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, presented the board with information for NDIRF funding. The Auditor's office is seeking help for Election assistance. Roundy asked the board to approve to pay all election workers Grade 2, Step 5. Commissioner Utke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhagen: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye, motion carried.

Aaron Devereaux, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator, presented the BOCC with his resignation. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve opening the position for a part-time (20 hour per week) EM/911 coordinator and to publish for two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Devereaux stated he will keep the phone and continue to come in 8 hours per week or as needed. Commissioner Utke made a motion to continue to have Devereaux work as needed, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with shredding options for the county. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to have Central Business Systems provide four bins and shred once a quarter, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call included: Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhagen: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye, motion carried. Roundy also presented the BOCC with two awards that Foster County Public Health has received in their work with immunization. The entire staff will be recognized at the conference held in June.

Commissioner discussion included tabling the Auditor Position Options until entire board is present. No update for the ambulance building. Commissioner Utke will provide the BOCC with information on FirstNet on when to get set with phones. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the BOCC in getting emails (@nd.gov) set up, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel presented the board with the name of the new Central Prairie Human Services Director, Julie St. Germaine. Interim Director, Steve Riser, will assist with the transition until the end of June. Commissioner Hagel will reach out to the 6-county's on pushing the next meeting, that will be held in Foster County, until the Primary Election is completed. The BOCC agreed to continue to bring reoccurring items as they occur to complete the yearly calendar.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhagen adjourned the meeting at 5:12pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhagen, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners