

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner David Utke and Commissioner Alan Scanson (via phone). Also, present were Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County States Attorney Kara Brinster, Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura and City of McHenry Mayor, Robyn Sorum.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, regular meeting, May 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and May 17<sup>th</sup> Special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33649	ACCO BRANDS DIRECT	85.00
33650	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	42.29
33651	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	954.72
33652	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	29.99
33653	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
33654	BAYSHORE CITYSIDE	1,651.20
33655	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	68.78
33656	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	316.80
33657	BREMER BANK, N.A.	35.00
33658	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	158.42
33659	BRISS OIL COMPANY	197.70
33660	C & J OIL COMPANY	943.48
33661	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	670.00
33662	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,293.41
33663	ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE	456.62
33664	EVERBRIDGE, INC DBA NIXLE	3,000.00
33665	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	2,360.00
33666	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	997.95
33667	JUSTIN JOHNSON	70.00
33668	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	392.98
33669	NAPA AUTO PARTS	123.74
33670	NEXUS PLANNING & CONSULTING	8,500.00
33671	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	5,018.33
33672	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	600.00
33673	PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
33674	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,013.00
33675	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	86.40
33676	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	75.00
33677	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	5,613.00
33678	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,325.00
33679	SYNCB/AMAZON	44.57
33680	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	788.00
33681	TIM SCHROEDER	500.00
33682	TROY NELSON INC. DBA J&L SERVICE	619.00
33683	WILLIAM J GALE	245.10

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel spoke with Daniel Schwartz, NEXUS, and will bring more information to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meeting regarding a contract if no applicants received.

Commissioner Utke plans for the commission policy update to be a project to work on from time to time and has no update.

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. Load restrictions are still on. The John Deere Tractor is here, Monson provided contracts for the Chairman to sign. Many roads are closed throughout the

county due to water and washouts. Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering completed a hydrology study and recommended Site #1 get one 60" culvert, 70 feet long with flared ends on the west washout and site #2 get three forty-eight-inch culverts, 70 feet long with flared ends on the east washout. The repair work was previously approved at the special meeting held at 8:00 AM on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The department has been out eight times durapatching.

Robyn Sorum, City of McHenry Mayor, spoke regarding the approach/culvert in right of way. Discussion was had and Commissioner Utke made a motion to remove the approach but waiting until the June 7<sup>th</sup> regular commissioner meeting so Foster County State's Attorney has time to research legality, seconded by Commissioner Buemer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, brought two abatements to the BOCC. The first one was for Wes & Ellen Glennen for the years 2020 and 2021. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the abatement, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The second one was for Nancy Pranke for the years 2020 and 2021. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the abatement, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans reminded the BOCC of the Foster County Board of Equalization meeting held June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner Room.

Justin Johnson, Foster County Sheriff, approached the BOCC regarding overtime for the deputies. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to increase the overtime rate from \$15.00 currently to 1 ¼ hourly rate, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer - aye, Commissioner Hagel – aye, Commissioner Copenhaver – aye, Commissioner Utke – aye and Commissioner Scanson – aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC for approval to write a letter to Sanford Health insurance to release claim history so they can compare policies. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have Commissioner Hagel request information, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion was had on how to best move forward with repairs on the Public Health building. Commissioner Hagel made a motion for Commissioner Utke to get quotes for the roof, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Beumer made a motion for payment of no more than \$1,000.00 for removal of unused materials in the basement of the Public Health building, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer – aye, Commissioner Hagel – aye, Commissioner Copenhaver – aye, Commissioner Utke – aye, and Commissioner Scanson – aye. Motion carried. There was no update for the Auditor position, Ambulance building, FirstNet, Committee reports, and Commissioner reoccurring calendar.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Interim Auditor

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Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners