

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7<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. 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 Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, regular meeting, and May 31<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33751	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	81.33
33752	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	753.03
33753	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	118.00
33754	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	139.46
33755	BLM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	24.00
33756	BRAD SOLBERG	110.85
33757	BRIGID GLENNEN	45.00
33758	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	477.69
33759	BRISS OIL COMPANY	256.00
33760	C & J OIL COMPANY	64.17
33761	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	7,206.60
33762	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	40.50
33763	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	53.30
33764	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	116.50
33765	DR. JAY BAUER	45.00
33766	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	45.00
33767	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	1,269.49
33768	ELLEN ROUNDY	182.49
33769	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	1,029.00
33770	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,293.43
33771	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	45.00
33772	JEFF GOLZ	1,051.30
33773	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	16.86
33774	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. CEN.	1,700.00
33775	NAPA AUTO PARTS	37.98
33776	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	16,940.68
33777	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	50.00
33778	NDACS	50.00
33779	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	111.69
33780	QUILL CORPORATION	103.56
33781	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	243.99
33782	SEACHANGE PRINTING & MARKETING SERVICES, LLC	425.80
33783	SIDWELL COMPANY	1,609.08
33784	USPS	180.00
33785	WILLIAM J GALE	270.88

Commissioner Hagel wanted to make the BOCC aware that there was notice from the Red River Railroad that they will be widening the lanes. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel will look into going into an agreement with NEXUS or partnering with another county for EM/911 services.

Commissioner Utke informed the BOCC that Townships have administrative responsibilities for culverts. County financial responsibilities can include culverts where they meet the definition of a bridge and NDCC 24-08 applies. The BOCC will look at updating the wording to the contracts for 2023.

Commissioner Scanson contacted each of the individuals with interest in the McHenry approach/culvert. The BOCC would like a letter mailed out informing them of removal of approach/culvert as this is the best long-term solution for the County.

#### 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 off as of May 25th. There are still some roads closed throughout the county due to water and washouts. The McHenry highway is back open. They put in for emergency funding for the McHenry Highway washout, and it was approved. Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering, informed Monson that there is funding available to remove the Old Wright Bridge. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to apply for application with Wold Engineering, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The department has been out eleven times so far durapatching. Monson asked the BOCC when they would like the department to start mowing ditches and when to advertise for it. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to put in the paper for the 11<sup>th</sup> of July and to use the bat wing mower, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The road department is in need of a set of stinger cutting edges for blade in Carrington. The cost for the set would be \$5,439.00. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the purchase of one set, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, informed the BOCC of the next six-county meeting that Foster County will be hosting. With the election and upcoming budget season, the auditors chose to move the meeting to September. She brought the Township Road Mileage Certification to the board for Chairman Copenhaver to sign. Roundy asked the board to review and approve a one-time event permit for liquor license. This would be for businesses that already have a liquor license within the city, giving them the option to fill out the permit with a fee for one time use outside of city limits but still in the county. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the fee amount of \$25.00 for the application, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Jeff Golz had asked her for permission to fill a 150-gallon tank at Juanita that he uses strictly for mowing and upkeep of county property. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve 100 gallons, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel discussed NDPHIT plan, she is looking at changes possibly for the year 2023. Commissioner Hagel filled in for Commissioner Utke at the last Ambulance building meeting. Commissioner Hagel brought in a list of items the ambulance staff would like fixed. The BOCC is going to look into long term plans for the building. Commissioner Utke updated the board with the FirstNet progress. Phones are in, they are waiting for the protective accessories and then they will be distributed. Commissioner Hagel attended the Association of Counties strategic planning meeting last week. There was a lot of great information provided at the meeting. An update on the public health building is that Jamie Clifton picked up items from the basement. Nothing new to report for commissioner reoccurring calendar.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Interim Auditor

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Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners