

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

At 3:30pm, Vice-Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Becky Hagel via phone. 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 June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, regular meeting with changes, and the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, special commissioner meeting seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33872	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	199.75
33873	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
33874	CMF	187.50
33875	COMPUTER EXPRESS	723.99
33876	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	305.04
33877	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	116.75
33878	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	3,284.00
33879	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	165.00
33880	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,663.51
33881	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	89.50
33882	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,347.50
33883	HILTON GARDEN INN	259.20
33884	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	27,624.99
33885	JUSTIN JOHNSON	112.06
33886	LEAF	64.00
33887	LORRIN SCHROEDER	77.00
33888	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	187.10
33889	MELANIE G HESCH	81.71
33890	MICHAEL CLIFTON	1,000.00
33891	NATHAN KRUSE	4.60
33892	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	50.00
33893	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	1,076.11
33894	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	6,000.00
33895	PATAGONIA HEALTH INC.	6,578.45
33896	PATRIOT FUELS	180.00
33897	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	163.71
33898	ROUGH RIDER INDUSTRIES	4,360.00
33899	SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	6,809.00
33900	TRACEY ADKINS	6.42
33901	UNITED STATES TREASURY	3,349.69
33902	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	2,475.00
33903	VERNON OLSON	6.00

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel has contacted Daniel with NEXUS on contract. There may be a conflict of interest, so she has also reached out to the state auditor's office.

Commissioner Utke would like to keep the culvert policy on the agenda under commission policy updates until the agreement is written with townships for 2023.

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. There was 4.12 inches of rain in June. The Glenfield shop roof has been repaired. The Wright Bridge project application was accepted by the DOT for review. A few roads are still closed in the county due to water. The Road Department has been out fourteen times so far durapatching. Monson gave an update on the McHenry highway washout. The total expenses to date are \$71,946.95 with the county share being approximately \$4,000 of that. They started mowing highways and will start the remainder on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Monson is working on the budget and is asking the board to look into packers for the road department.

At 3:43pm Commissioner Copenhaver joined the meeting and took over for Vice-Chairman Scanson.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, approached the BOCC on updating the voting delegate for the NDACo Conference. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to select Interim Auditor Roundy as the Foster County voting delegate seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. On behalf of Public Health, Roundy asked the BOCC to approve the renewal of the Central Business Systems contract for the copier at Public Health. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The state has sent out a mileage reimbursement update increasing the mileage reimbursement from \$0.585 to \$0.625 effective July 1, 2022. Roundy presented a Vanguard contract for the Tax Department. The contract covers fees for the comparable properties search module and for the network module. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion carried. Roundy also informed the BOCC of Project SS-3-99(051) set to take place in the 2024 construction season.

Commissioner Hagel recommended that someone from the county attend the regional meeting in Devils Lake. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson plan to attend. Commissioner Hagel also updated the BOCC with progress on NDPHIT. We've sent the requested information off but leaning towards not making the switch. Commissioner Utke informed the BOCC that no meetings have been had with the Ambulance building. Utke updated Jodi Hovdenes with the Ambulance building on what was discussed at the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, commissioner meeting. No major update with FirstNet. All phones have been handed out. Commissioner Hagel will send the new emails to NDACo to get added to the email list. Shrubs and trees have been planted at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke made a motion to allow the Soil Conservation to spend approximately \$200.00 to get shrubs and trees watered this year, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Utke was hoping to have an update from Chris with EAPC. He's requested information by the end of the month to help with 2023 budget preparations.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:07pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Interim Auditor

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Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners