

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 19th, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson 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 Utke made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5th, 2022, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33953	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	649.59
33954	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,077.33
33955	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	14.97
33956	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
33957	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	42,837.96
33958	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	290.40
33959	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	130.69
33960	BRISS OIL COMPANY	313.00
33961	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	90.10
33962	C & J OIL COMPANY	9,737.28
33963	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	613.41
33964	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
33965	DEERE CREDIT INC	1,498.67
33966	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	155,677.81
33967	DS SOLUTIONS	275.00
33968	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	2,099.50
33969	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,009.60
33970	JUSTIN JOHNSON	90.50
33971	KARA BRINSTER	409.58
33972	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. GEN.	1,785.00
33973	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	76.50
33974	NAPA AUTO PARTS	245.44
33975	NDAAO	140.00
33976	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	485.00
33977	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	8,372.00
33978	PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
33979	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	868.07
33980	SYNCB/AMAZON	208.86
33981	WHOLESALE AG PRODUCTS	197.25
33982	WILLIAM J GALE	95.03
33983	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	41,027.09

The BOCC would like Township Road maintenance agreement and blade bid to be included under Road Department discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel has spoken with the State Auditor's office. There is a conflict of interest to contract out the EM position and grant writing with NEXUS. The BOCC has agreed to run the EM position ad again for two weeks.

Commissioner Utke would like to keep the culvert policy on the agenda under commission policy updates until further notice.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. There has been 1.3" rain since July 6th. Mowing on the highways has been completed. The pipeline project is not adhering to the agreement of staying off the Bordulac highways. This will be discussed with the contractors later in the meeting. Larrabee township needs a culvert on one of the roads closed. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have the road department get the culvert, line up work to backhoe and gravel, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion carried.

The county received two bids for a new Motor Grader. The total for the RDO bid after trade in is \$86,260.00 for a 2023 John Deere model 772GP, Butler bid after trade in is: \$178,400.00 for a 2023 CAT model 150 AWD. Commissioner Scanson would like the BOCC to wait to make any decision until the next meeting.

Collin with Garney Construction, along with Garrison Diversion approached the BOCC with an update on opening the road on 74th Ave. During the Commissioner meeting held on October 7th, 2021, it was decided that the road could be cut open instead of boring underneath it if it was done in June or July of 2022. During the 2021 meeting, the county would allow 5-7 days for the road to be closed for the project. Garney updated the board and is hoping to get to that point by September of 2022. They would create a temporary crossing. The BOCC would not allow this to happen during harvest season. Another option would be to have Garney Construction stop short, jump over the road and connect back to it at a later date. Scott Mehring with Garrison Diversion agrees with this plan as well. Nate Monson stated that they should finish the road to the same standards as existing. Commissioner Scanson requested Garney Construction meet with the BOCC next year when they plan to do the project, with at least a months' notice. There is also concern about the trucks hauling the pipes on roads that they shouldn't be on. State's Attorney Kara Brinster clearly stated that Garney needs to get the message across to the truckers. Garney will work with Brinster on drafting a letter on the issue.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator asked the board for approval to open a Prevention Coordinator position within her office. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to open the position and advertise, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Joe Voglewede and Roger Schlotman with the Foster County Historical Society approached the BOCC about getting additional funding for the Historical Society. One option would be for the county to give up to \$5,000 to the Historical Society from the general fund. The other option would be to ask the question on the ballot to raise the mill amount. Discussion was had and the BOCC would like to wait to decide until they have a better idea of where the county is sitting with their budget.

Commissioner Hagel brought to the BOCC that there are a few financial questions that could be asked on the next ballot to extend the current funding the county has for Farm to Market and Road Fund. These mills expire at the end of 2024. Hagel reiterated how imperative it is to educate the voters on the importance of these mills. There is Prairie dog money coming in, but it is not guaranteed. The Auditor's office will start organizing information to bring to the BOCC. An agreement with Larrabee township needs to be signed for the ARPA funds. Commissioner Beumer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke received information on building projects and would like to review it all before presenting it to the BOCC. There is nothing new to report for the NDPHIT plan or Ambulance building. Commissioner Utke would like the BOCC to annually look at the allocation by road miles for each township. Utke would like the board to have this information by October, so the townships have time to review. Commissioner Scanson and Commissioner Utke attended the DOT meeting in Devils Lake. Both Commissioners were very pleased with the information received and will look at sharing the information on the county website. Commissioner Copenhaver had a Council for Aging meeting. Everything is going well, nothing new to report. Commissioner Hagel stated that Human Services will be separating services for delinquent juveniles with children with needs.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners