

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 16th, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, 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 Utke made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2nd, 2022, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, presented an additional bill for the purchase of a porta potty. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

34095	M & K PORTA POTTIES	320.00
34106	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	84.50
34107	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,795.75
34108	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
34109	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	68.78
34110	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	290.40
34111	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	144.26
34112	BRISS OIL COMPANY	9,638.45
34113	C & J OIL COMPANY	7,203.88
34114	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	66.20
34115	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,269.14
34116	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	106.63
34117	DAVID UTKE	66.55
34118	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	991.60
34119	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	20,901.19
34120	JUSTIN JOHNSON	115.09
34121	NAPA AUTO PARTS	325.32
34122	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND TRIBAL VSO	120.00
34123	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	16,818.08
34124	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	12,481.70
34125	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	2,736.95
34126	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	215.81
34127	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	405.00
34128	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	6,199.36
34129	PATRIOT FUELS	58.40
34130	PHARMCHEM INC	31.45
34131	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,000.00
34132	QUALITY INN	432.00
34133	SIDWELL COMPANY	32.50
34134	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,475.00
34135	SYNCB/AMAZON	664.73
34136	TRI-STATE PAVING	16,500.00
34137	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	233.37
34138	UNIFORM CENTER	221.97

Kara Brinster, States Attorney, asked to add the Opioid Settlement under old business. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel stated there is no update with NEXUS contract. She stated she will communicate with Wells County to see if they will give us a heads up when grants become available.

Commission Policy Updates will remain on the agenda until taken care of, nothing new to report.

Kara Brinster, States Attorney, provided the BOCC with an update on the opioid settlement. We can expect to see the first payment soon of \$870.36. This is a multi-year payout.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. There have been no major or minor repairs to any equipment. Bridge removal of the Old Wright Bridge was approved for 2024. Funding will be covered by federal dollars except for rebuilding the road going to the bridge. Monson will be in

touch with Wold Engineering on the project. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve to move forward with the bid process for the 1991 Ford F150 county Pickup seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The bid opening will be held on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022, at 8:00 AM in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the roadside mowing notice seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, discussed with the BOCC the upcoming 6-County meeting that will be held in Foster County on September 13th, 2022.

The BOCC discussed how to proceed with the upcoming mills that are set to expire. Jeff Gale, NDSU Extension Agent, joined the meeting and conversed about the Extension mills. Commissioner Hagel had spoken to Terry Traynor, NDACo, regarding a question posed from the City of Carrington. The BOCC has been looking in to if mills need to be split with the cities in Foster County or not. Discussion was had on who needs to provide language to the Auditor's Office for questions on the ballot. The BOCC would like to hold off on adding any questions to the ballot until after the six-county meeting as other counties have the same questions.

Commissioner Utke has gathered information from EAPC and the building committee regarding the potential upgrade to health and safety concerns at the courthouse. The building committee met on Friday, August 12th, 2022, and made a motion to request a proposal from EAPC for plans and specifications for a phased project to remodel the lower level of the courthouse. Commissioner Utke made a motion to follow the recommendation of the building committee to request a proposal from EAPC for plans and specifications for a phased project remodel of the lower level of the courthouse seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included: Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed.

Nothing new was reported with NDPHIT. Commissioner Utke let the BOCC that he is working on finding an alternative date for the Ambulance board to meet prior to the first BOCC meeting in September. Commissioner Scanson made a recommendation to the BOCC to provide minutes from all boards receiving money from the county access to minutes on the county website. Discussion was had and Commissioner Scanson made a motion to reach out to all county boards receiving funds to send minutes to the Auditor's Office to be placed on the county website, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Nothing new was reported for committee reports. The BOCC is continuing to add items and revamp the commissioner reoccurring calendar.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners