

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6th, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Scott Beumer and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also, present were Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, Foster County States Attorney Kara Brinster, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20th, 2022, regular meeting and the September 28th, 2022, special meeting seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

34353	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,133.10
34354	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	458.82
34355	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	125.17
34356	BRISS OIL COMPANY	7,920.26
34357	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	21,376.79
34358	C & J OIL COMPANY	7,947.33
34359	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,523.97
34360	CRAIG WIESZ	33.13
34361	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	219.40
34362	ELLEN ROUNDY	173.75
34363	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	719.44
34364	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC.	705.94
34365	JOEL GUSSIAAS	319.70
34366	LEAF	64.00
34367	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	201.25
34368	MELANIE G HESCH	211.25
34369	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	50.00
34370	NORTH CENTRAL RENTAL AND LEASING LLC	5,500.00
34371	NSC MINERALS	3,126.03
34372	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	600.00
34373	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	12,000.00
34374	OK TIRE STORE	925.44
34375	POST BOARD	45.00
34376	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	324.20
34377	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	337.16
34378	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	975.00
34379	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	182.00
34380	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	3,080.00
34381	UNITED STATES TREASURY	2,964.84
34382	WILLIAM J GALE	232.68

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit, NEXUS professional agreement or Commission Policy Updates.

New Business

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, went over information Road Superintendent Nate Monson had provided. Repair work needs to be done on the 930G payloader transmission. Commissioner Utke made a motion to allow Road Superintendent Monson authorization to have the work done as needed, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

Motion passed. BNSF railroad had reached out to Monson regarding the temporary concrete slabs on the Grace City 82nd Ave NE railroad crossing. These temporary slabs need to be replaced and will cost roughly \$25,600.00. The BOCC discussed that during harvest is not the most ideal time for this construction to take place. Roundy will draft a letter asking to touch base in 2023 for a more opportune time.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, presented the BOCC with two grants. The first grant is COVID-19 preventative services recovery grant for \$50,000.00. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. The second grant is for Community AOD

(Alcohol funding). This is a continuation of funding with the same strategies in place agreed upon previous years in an amount of \$62,500.00. Commissioner Utke made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert presented an agreement with the Behavioral Health Division which is a state opioid response grant. Commissioner Beumer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hagel, all voted aye, and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, approached the BOCC with a Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) letter and agreement in correspondence with the RDO equipment purchased earlier in the year. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to sign the agreement seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the BOCC with minimum sales price for the four properties on the tax foreclosure list. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to set the minimum sales prices as presented, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy updated the BOCC that there has been continued vandalism at the county park bathrooms. This is the third time this summer that Building Maintenance has had to clean out the toilets with debris. The bathrooms will be locked until further notice.

Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with an update from EAPC. They will potentially be in town next week looking at the Public Health building. The main concern at that building is the condensation issue on the roof. There is no update for the Ambulance building or committee reports. Commissioner Hagel touched on the CHINS (Children in Need of Services) resolution that was presented at the NDACo convention. She is hopeful that the state legislature will continue to look into this issue. Commissioner Hagel also stated that they should put the road mileage certification on their reoccurring calendar for October.

States Attorney, Kara Brinster, asked the BOCC their thoughts on her attending a CLE on capital crimes. She is unsure if she is able to attend the educational event located in Oklahoma but would like to if her schedule allows. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to allow Brinster to attend the out of state training, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

Motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:06pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners