

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Ellen Roundy, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the April 3rd, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with a lost check affidavit for NAPA for \$470.59. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills including the lost check affidavit, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All vote aye and the motion passed.

35337	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,890.39
35338	AVID HAWK, LLC	25.00
35339	BECKY HAGEL	10.50
35340	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	349.00
35341	BRISS OIL COMPANY	111.92
35342	BRISS OIL COMPANY	167.60
35343	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	991.95
35344	C & J OIL COMPANY	23,613.37
35345	CARRINGTON DRUG INC.	21.00
35346	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	146.75
35347	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	120.15
35348	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES	294.00
35349	COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES - CARRINGTON	98.00
35350	DENNIS HOFMANN	420.00
35351	ENVELOPES.COM	406.90
35352	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	22,386.00
35353	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	356.23
35354	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	450.14
35355	GARRETT MATTESON	119.99
35356	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,241.45
35357	JIM BLAHNA	2,656.00
35358	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	4,279.33
35359	JUSTIN JOHNSON	422.24
35360	KC AG SERVICES, LLC	14,525.00
35361	MURPHY GRAIN & LIVESTOCK	7,375.00
35362	NAPA AUTO PARTS	470.59
35363	NAPA AUTO PARTS	825.82
35364	NAPA AUTO PARTS	39.98
35365	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	70.00
35366	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	3,498.80
35367	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	56.25
35368	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	205.00
35369	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	342.16
35370	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	3,150.00
35371	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	11,600.00
35372	UNIFORM CENTER	82.50
35373	WILLIAM J GALE	310.80

Commissioner Scanson asked to add MOU with townships to the agenda under commissioner discussion.

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson believes they will be blading gravel by the end of the month. Total snowfall for the entire year has been 128". Water is over the road in a few spots, but nothing major yet. Load restrictions were put in place on April 13th, 2023. Monson has spoke with Wold Engineering on breakups in the road. They will start durapatching the end of this week.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the BOCC with a 5-year gradual tax exemption for Custom Kut Meat, Inc. Wyand Township approved the exemption as this is a precedent they've had in their township. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the 5-year gradual exemption, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans presented an abatement for Paul Hagel for 2021 and 2022 for corrections that need to be made. Commissioner Hagel recused herself from the vote. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the abatement for 2021 and 2022, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor, presented the BOCC with a letter for weight restriction assistance from the NDHP. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the letter requesting assistance, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy asked to make a transfer from the general fund to the capital asset fund in the amount of \$54,000.00 to cover the sheriff vehicle purchase of \$45,000 and mower purchase at Juanita Lake for \$9,000 that was budgeted for in 2023. She also requested to transfer \$1,874.94 from the general fund to the road fund to cover expenses from the train derailment in 2020. Fund 2930 was supposed to be phased out in 2016. This never happened so Roundy has been working with the state auditor's in making corrections to cover the fund for payments made from the years 2016-2023. She is requesting to make various transfers from funds to cover Employer FICA, Medicare and health insurance costs from those years, barring the state auditor's approval. Commissioner Utke motioned to transfer from the general fund to the capital asset fund and the correction to the road department and to complete the fund 2930 adjustments when approval is provided from the state auditors, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC made changes to the hay land one year contract bid. Commissioner Hagel motioned to advertise for bid with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. The personnel committee met with Sheriff Johnson on updating the fee schedule for security for special events. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve an hourly fee of \$150.00 for the Sheriffs office to provide security and to pay an hourly rate of \$60.00 for the deputy working, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy also asked to increase the part-time deputy rate to \$30.00 per hour. Commissioner Beumer motioned to increase the part time deputy rate, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson asked States Attorney Brinster on how the county should proceed with townships that do not sign the MOU. Commissioner Utke motioned a letter be sent by the Chairman that without a signed contract, the township will be charged the posted rate and services must be requested to the road foreman, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel stated that each county within the Human Service zone must re-approve the plan annually. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the Central Prairie Human Service Zone plan, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke is working with NEXUS on getting copies of the multi-hazard mitigation plan for the county. Nothing new for ballot questions, the BOCC will look at addressing later in the summer. Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with three quotes for a new mower at Juanita Lake. One from High Plains Equipment for \$10,900, one from Central Steel for \$9,999 and a used mower from John Deere for \$5,950. Discussion was had on the quality and size of mowers. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the purchase of the used John Deere mower for \$5,950.00, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke -aye

motion passed. Discussion was had on legislative topics. No new update for door security. Commissioner Utke has been in contact with EAPC and they will be sending a proposal to review work needed to be done at the Public Health building and Shop. Commissioner Utke also provided an amendment to the lease agreement with the ambulance building. The BOCC reviewed, made changes and Commissioner Utke will relay the information to the ambulance board and bring back any additions or changes to the BOCC before approval of the agreement. Commissioner Hagel has a Board of Health meeting on April 19th. Discussion was had on the purchase of the building in 2010. Commissioner Utke motioned for Commissioner Hagel to relay that the county will work on a six-month lease for one dollar beginning July 1st, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel will relay to the BOH that they will need to contract with the county for maintenance and to come up with their own maintenance for the building. Commissioner Utke stated that the county is still obligated for repairs to the building. Commissioner Utke stated that there is an LEPC meeting scheduled for April 20th at 4:00 PM at the Fire Hall. The BOCC discussed creating a lease for the Quonset storage at Juanita.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners