

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura. Commissioner Pat Copenhaver arrived at the meeting at 3:39pm.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, regular meeting, a motion was amended to also include the minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

35517	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	58.79
35518	ANDREW S. MARQUART	198.00
35519	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	2,228.77
35520	ASTORIA HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER	176.40
35521	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
35522	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	349.00
35523	BREMER BANK, N.A.	35.00
35524	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	749.97
35525	C & J OIL COMPANY	10,727.15
35526	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,719.99
35527	DANIELLE KOEPPLIN	289.51
35528	DAVID UTKE	144.10
35529	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	1,460.00
35530	HR COLLABORATIVE	100.00
35531	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	877.35
35532	JUSTIN JOHNSON	279.86
35533	KAREN EVANS	940.36
35534	LEADING EDGE	5,950.00
35535	LEEVEER'S FOODS	23.10
35536	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	299.13
35537	NAPA AUTO PARTS	231.01
35538	NDACS	50.00
35539	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	2,941.48
35540	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	65.83
35541	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	290.00
35542	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	1,437.50
35543	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	502.22
35544	SIDWELL COMPANY	250.00
35545	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	3,150.00
35546	WILLIAM J GALE	238.32

Commissioner Utke 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.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated the White Dodge pickup is currently at Thomas Motors in Pingree for repairs. Since May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, there has been 5.20 inches of rain. There are currently a few roads closed due to water over them and a few roads with caution signs. The Load Restrictions are still on in Foster County. In the past the BOCC gave authority to Monson and Commissioner Scanson to make the decision on taking the load restrictions off. Commissioner Utke made a motion to allow Monson and Commissioner Scanson to decide when to take the load restrictions off, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson stated he called Border States about the Club Hall Highway. The current plan is late May or the first week in June they will do asphalt patching to the Club Hall Highway. Monson stated the Lampert corner on the Club Hall Highway is not broken yet but might need reinforcing. The cost for the 19<sup>th</sup> spot would be about \$10,000 (300 ft. both lanes). Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the proposal for the additional \$10,000 to repair the 19<sup>th</sup> spot on both lanes, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye

- Commissioner Hagel – aye motioned passed.

Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering Vice President was present via phone, and wanted to inform the BOCC that while the survey crew was at the Old Wright Bridge by Grace City to gather data a few individuals stopped by and expressed their concerns that they didn't want the bridge removed. Commissioner Scanson stated if people are concerned about the Bridge, they are welcome to attend a meeting to express their concerns. Rivinius was checking to see if the BOCC still plans to proceed with the removal of the Old Wright Bridge. Commissioner Scanson stated they plan to proceed.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor, presented the BOCC with a local permit application for Crossroads Golf Course. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the local permit for Crossroads Golf Course, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:00pm in the Foster County Commissioner Room the BOCC had the bid opening for the rent of hay land located on the West 50 rods of SE ¼ Sec 4-147-65. Bachmeier presented to the BOCC the bid that was received from Brandon Gussiaas. The hay land bid amount was \$61.00, and the bid bond was \$3.05. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the hay land bid, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke provided information to the BOCC on the Multi-hazard mitigation plan. Commissioner Utke stated Foster County had received the digital copy of the multi-hazard mitigation plan. Bachmeier stated she put the MHMP on the Foster County website. Bachmeier also reached out to the Foster County Independent to receive a quote on two printed copies of the MHMP. Commissioner Hagel stated once we get printed copies the payment should come out of the Emergency Managers budget. Commissioner Utke made a motion to have the payment for printed copies of the multi-hazard mitigation plan come out of the Emergency Managers budget, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion carried. Commissioner Utke stated the new mower is out at Juanita Lake and the used mower was brought back to the Courthouse. Commissioner Utke said he notified Kyle Schroeder, Fair Board Member, that the mower was at the Courthouse. Commissioner Hagel stated the walk doors for the ambulance building have arrived. Commissioner Utke stated he contacted Chris Thomas, EAPC Construction Specialist/Office Manager to see if they have any updates from the analysis on the Old Highway Shop and Public Health building. No updates yet. Commissioner Utke stated he attended the CRIB meeting in Grand Forks, ND on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Utke stated the meeting was to inform members of the transition to call groups and to also to inform departments that need radios to begin fitting them into their budget for the following year. The purpose of the radios would be to communicate with different departments if cell towers are down due to a major event. The reoccurring calendar showed a burn ban notice. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion for Foster County to follow the State burn ban, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:32 pm.

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Hailey Bachmeier  
Foster County Deputy Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners