

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15th, 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 Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Auditor Ellen Roundy, State's Attorney Kara Brinster and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the August 1st, 2023, regular meeting and August 10th, 2023, Special Meeting. Commissioner Utke had one addition to the minutes. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve both sets of minutes with the change, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

35969	ANDREW S. MARQUART	153.00
35970	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	108.50
35971	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	11.97
35972	BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONS	2,635.00
35973	BOOTE SEPTIC SOLUTIONS	125.00
35974	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	349.00
35975	BRISS OIL COMPANY	311.20
35976	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	901.63
35977	C & J OIL COMPANY	12,653.42
35978	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	378.70
35979	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	3,449.14
35980	ELLEN ROUNDY	198.71
35981	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,426.23
35982	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	176.56
35983	HAILEY BACHMEIER	14.00
35984	HIGH PLAINS EQUIPMENT	858.40
35985	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	909.95
35986	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. CEN.	85.00
35987	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	2,194.06
35988	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,230.40
35989	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	16,849.36
35990	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	12,681.27
35991	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	416.20
35992	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	65.00
35993	OK TIRE STORE	976.74
35994	PATRIOT FUELS	901.48
35995	QUILL CORPORATION	180.63
35996	RACHEL STOKES	213.75
35997	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	491.78
35998	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	4,050.00
35999	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE	152.00
36000	WILLIAM J GALE	444.30

Auditor Roundy asked to add employee assistance on the agenda. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. No major work has been done on equipment and the department is getting caught up on patching holes, straightening/replacing signs and durapatching. The McHenry Road paving project is complete. They will start mowing ditches in two to three weeks. Commissioner Beumer motioned to publish the roadside weed and grass mowing notice in the paper, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion was had on how to proceed with bidding on the John Deere Tractor. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the notice of bid with the option of the two highest bidders having a chance to orally raise their bid, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted all and the motion passed.

At 3:47 Commissioner Copenhaver joined the meeting.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to publish the notice of encroachment/right of way as done in the past, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, provided the BOCC with an update from the planning and zoning board. Two building permits have been requested. Darren Lester is remodeling a cabin at Juanita Lake and Herman and Linda Johnson

are constructing a two-stall garage at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve both building permits, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans also stated that Dan Beckley is working on putting a 7-unit RV park behind the Bordulac Bar. The planning and zoning board held a public hearing on August 15th at 7:15 AM. With no one showing up in favor or opposition the planning and zoning board approved the permit contingent on Beckley getting everything completed with the state. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the conditional use permit pending the completion of state requirements, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Lee Wahlund, Foster County Resident approached the BOCC with a petition to close the section line from 66th Ave NE westwardly to Auditors Lot 226. He has spoken with Pat and Chase Biel, and they have no opposition. He's looking toward the future if he were to sell the land, no one could build anything due to the right of way from the section line. Commissioner Utke asked to allow States Attorney, Kara Brinster, more time to look into this particular case. The BOCC tabled this for now and Auditor Roundy will keep Wahlund updated.

Justin Johnson, Sheriff, approached the BOCC about purchasing the previous police departments charger from Bessette's and trading in the spare Expedition. He would need to have the decals and some touch up work done on the Expedition before making the trade. Johnson stated that minor fixes will need to be completed on the charger and it will come fully equipped with the police departments equipment. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the trade in of the Expedition and purchase the charger from Bessette's seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver.

Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Auditor Ellen Roundy stated that her office is working on items for the state auditors. She's had help from other part time employees and is asking if an employee who is part time offers to help more hours if they can do so under her department. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to allow other employees to work additional hours above their normal part time hours if they would like to, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included tablets for the BOCC to purchase. No decision was made. No update on the campground or building projects. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson attended the flood map coordination officer meeting via zoom. They will put relevant information together once the recording comes out. The BOCC will review the security plan. There will be two public hearings held at the Foster County Courthouse on the combination, consolidation, and appointment of the Auditor/Treasurer office on August 28th the first one at 9:00 AM and the second one at 7:00 PM. The final budget hearing will be September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Foster County Courthouse.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners