

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 5th, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Foster County Independent reporter Leasa Lura, Butler Representatives Kevin Walford and Brandon Padilla, and Jon Martin with Wold Engineering.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the November 21st, 2023, regular meeting. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

36380	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	144.48
36381	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	420.39
36382	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	3,558.73
36383	C & J OIL COMPANY	6,651.96
36384	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	125.00
36385	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
36386	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	33.98
36387	CRAIG WIESZ	39.30
36388	FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOCIATION	124.00
36389	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	483.71
36390	HIGH PLAINS TECHNOLOGY INC.	619.00
36391	JUSTIN JOHNSON	667.69
36392	KENT HEWITT	500.00
36393	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	81.60
36394	NACVSO	50.00
36395	NAPA AUTO PARTS	545.93
36396	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	350.00
36397	NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	492.86
36398	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	30,400.00
36399	OK TIRE STORE	134.38
36400	PAT COPENHAVER	230.69
36401	QUILL CORPORATION	159.61
36402	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	2,477.72
36403	SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	6,809.00
36404	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	7,950.00
36405	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	1,802.00
36406	THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	48.06
36407	THOMAS VOGLEWEDE	450.00
36408	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4,049.66
36409	USPS	211.00
36410	WILLIAM J GALE	402.23

Commissioner Copenhaver asked to add gravel fee under the fee schedule and Commissioner Utke asked to add Christmas Greeting under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Minimal maintenance has been done on equipment, the durapatcher is serviced and ready to go for next year. They've patched a few spots on the Club Hall Highway and the area on the South Bordulac road is still holding its own. Wold Engineering has provided two contracts for 2024 Chipping projects. Discussion was had on financials and areas in most need. Commissioner Utke stated it is standard practice to chip after an overlay project so the McHenry Road would need to be done. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the chipping contract with Wold for the nine miles of McHenry Highway, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Commissioner Scanson, Commissioner Copenhaver and Commissioner Utke voted aye, and Commissioner Hagel voted nay, motion passed. Monson provided motor grader bid information for the BOCC to review and approve at their next meeting. Kevin Walford, Butler introduced Brandon Padilla to the BOCC. Padilla will serve as the area salesperson.

Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC on grant information provided from Micheal Rivinius with Wold Engineering. Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Scanson, and Auditor/Treasurer Roundy visited with Rivinius on current needs for the county. Rivinius has never been on a board that approves grant applications, but his professional opinion would be that a grant application that is maintaining paved highways will rank higher than an application to grind up pavement for gravel. Discussion was had on funding for the roads. During township meetings

township officials understood the importance of replacing the Farm to Market levy with a vote from the public. No decision was made on how to proceed with the grant application.

Tom Erdmann, Mayor for the City of Carrington, approached the BOCC with information on the municipal judge position within the city. It is an elected position that requires extensive training and continuing education, and the city is having a hard time filling the position as Hagel has submitted her resignation. There is a potential that the county could take over the role and items would be submitted through the Clerk of Courts Office. Contested tickets, the city attorney would continue to represent. Discussion was had and Erdmann will continue to work with the city council on how they would like to move forward.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, asked the BOCC for approval for Bordulac Bar and Crossroads Golf Course Liquor Licenses for 2024. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the liquor licenses, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the fee schedule for BOCC approval with changes provided from department heads. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the fee schedule with changes presented, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy stated that Jamie Nelson, IT with Computer Express had reached out regarding cyber security training. It would be through ITD, and no fee is required for the training. Commissioner Hagel noted the importance of cyber security awareness and motioned to approve moving forward with the process, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the JPA with South Central Dakota Regional Council. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve and sign, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, employees have inquired about the upcoming Holiday schedule. Commissioner Hagel noted the unique case of the holiday landing on the weekend. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve a full day observance of Christmas Eve carried over to December 26th, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC if they would like to have a Christmas greeting in the newspaper. Each Commissioner is responsible for the invoice, not the county and the consensus was to place the ad in the paper. The deadline for acceptance was extended again on the building project. Chris Thomas, EAPC, is working with the bidders on items and Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney has provided guidance on the process. Nothing to report on the ambulance building. Commissioner Hagel stated there has been some change in human service staff. She is still looking for someone to replace the vacancy on the zone board. Commissioner Hagel also attended a CCEDC meeting where discussion was had on grant opportunities through the USDA. There continues to be a housing problem in the community so there is a potential to have a housing study done. Commissioner Utke has the recording of the last SIRM meeting and has been communicating with Jason Wolsky on scheduling an LEPC meeting to get individuals from the state in attendance for an update on the siren program. Discussion was had on charging a fee for gravel hauled out of the gravel pit. Commissioner Scanson also provided an update from Garrison on the pipeline project.

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

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners