

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 2nd, 2024

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Luke Weisz with Border States Paving, Craig and Bonnie Hoggarth, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy and Foster County Independent reporter Amy Wobbema.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 18th, 2024, regular meeting. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve all minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

37295	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	36.18
37296	ANDREW KIRKING	241.20
37297	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	270.00
37298	C & J OIL COMPANY	5,696.47
37299	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	294.58
37300	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
37301	CRAIG WIESZ	81.07
37302	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	5,250.00
37303	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	2,291.64
37304	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,392.50
37305	GILBERTSON'S	757.50
37306	HHO OF NORTH DAKOTA, LLC	500.00
37307	JEFF GOLZ	1,250.00
37308	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	278.27
37309	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	27,624.99
37310	KARA BRINSTER	189.50
37311	KAREN EVANS	294.00
37312	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	563.60
37313	NAPA AUTO PARTS	1,566.19
37314	NDAAO	225.00
37315	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	2,144.13
37316	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	150.00
37317	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	1,400.00
37318	WILLIAM J GALE	187.60

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson went to Juanita Lake to view lots that Foster County owns. The consensus was that it would make the most sense for the county to continue to maintain the road and put half the lot to bid. Commissioner Scanson noted that the land would have to be surveyed to plot it out and that cost could be included with the bid. The BOCC will review with Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster. Commissioner Utke also had spoken with Kip Kovar, Garrison Diversion. Vogel Law is working on a draft agreement and will present that to the BOCC when completed.

New Business

The BOCC had received calls regarding residents affected by the grinding of the Club Hall Road. The terms allow the BOCC to decide on whether to award a bid within thirty days, so they have time to discuss and answer questions. Commissioner Scanson motioned to delay deciding until a special meeting could be held to discuss the future of the road, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy will mail a letter to the townships in the area affected.

Andrew Kirking, Stutsman/Foster EM, spoke with the board on the increase in 9-1-1 fees for the 2025 Biennium. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the 2025 Biennium contract and have Chairman Utke sign, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tyler Doeling, Foster County Resident, approached the BOCC regarding the transportation of clay from Gene Doelings to his place. It would be around 0.75 mile and there is no other manageable route besides hauling on the Bordulac Highway. Commissioner Beumer requested the trucks follow the speed limits and the legal weight when hauling. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to allow no more than thirty loads if they follow weight and legal speed limits, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, provided an update for the Road Department. There has been 6.98" of rain for the month of June. The Department is working through blading with the wet conditions, some roads are not drying out as fast as they'd like to with the rain. They will get all ditches mowed by July 12th. The chipping project on the McHenry Road has started and should be completed before the Fourth.

Roundy also forwarded an email from Pual Murphy inquiring about the removal of horse camping sites at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Scanson motioned to remove the horse camping sites at Juanita Lake seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke provided an update on the basement renovation project. Temporary electrical work was installed to get Social Services moved back to their offices. HVAC work is completed for phase one but will not be operational until the completion of phase two. Progress has started on phase two of the project. Commissioner Utke noted that VSO, Corean Swart, had requested to place an ad in the paper for temporary change in office space, the BOCC has no issue with that. Commissioner Utke also noted that a few keys had to be made to allow employees access to the building with the basement being blocked off. Employees will sign out the keys and return once the basement is accessible.

Commissioner Scanson provided an update on the NDSU Extension Agent position. They have interviewed and offered the position to an individual but have not heard back. Commissioner Hagel attended the Central Prairie Human Service Zone meeting, and the board is working on logistics of hiring Madison Crisman, Interim Director, as full-time Director. She currently oversees Nelson/Griggs and would pick up Wells, Foster and Eddy. Commissioner Beumer noted that Public Health has interviewed an individual for the Medical Director for the district.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners