

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 4th, 2025

At 3:30pm, Vice-Chair Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Foster County State’s Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the February 18th, 2025, meeting and February 25th, 2025, Special Meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

38282	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	489.50
38283	ANTHONY ESSIG	218.20
38284	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	684.00
38285	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
38286	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	457.85
38287	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	215.55
38288	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	233.42
38289	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	125.00
38290	COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,653.93
38291	COREAN SWART	819.97
38292	CRAIG WIESZ	43.40
38293	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	91.92
38294	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	1,200.00
38295	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	651.52
38296	KARA BRINSTER	175.00
38297	KARPEL SOLUTIONS	1,450.00
38298	KELTON ROY HAGEL	400.00
38299	LLOYDS MOTORS	98.88
38300	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	227.80
38301	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	135.00
38302	ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	100.00
38303	ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	180.00
38304	NDSAA	400.00
38305	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	798.91
38306	WILLIAM J GALE	142.10
38307	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	239,500.00
38308	QUADIENT FINANCE	28.67
38309	RESIDENCE INN	396.00
38310	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00

Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the agenda as it stands, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake.

Discussion was had on the culverts that the county owns. Any property purchased for more than \$1,000 must be sold publicly. Commissioner Scanson motioned to place the culvert and flared ends for bid. Bids must be turned into the Auditor’s office by March 31st at 4:00 PM with a bid opening occurring on April 1st, 2025, at 3:00 PM, seconded by Commissioner Utke. There are two thirty-foot, 96 inch wide with two flared ends to be put up for bid. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, let the BOCC know that road restrictions were put on Monday, March 3rd, 2025.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented the BOCC with the current Planning and Zoning Board Members. Tom Erdmann, At large from City of Carrington, Jason Wolsky, At large from City of Carrington, and Justin Topp, District 2, all indicated their willingness to continue their appointment on the Planning and Zoning board and were motioned and approved to stay on during the February 25th, 2025, planning and zoning meeting. There is a vacancy for District 5 that will need to be filled. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the individuals up for appointment, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. A building permit was presented for Mitch Page who is constructing a steel building. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Additional discussion included regulations needed to be updated and written for Foster County Planning and Zoning. Lastly, Evans presented an abatement for Pat McCleery who qualified for homestead credit in 2023 for \$2,182.57. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the abatement, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC did not call into the meeting. There was no building committee meeting prior in the day, it has been rescheduled to March 18th. There are no major updates. The contractors onsite are currently working on the punch list and wrapping up the project.

Commissioner discussion included an update for the Agent of Record for Foster County. Commissioner Scanson and Commissioner Hagel sat down with four agents that requested consideration. They were impressed with their presentations and interest in working with the county. All had experience in working with government entities such as counties, cities and townships. Commissioner Scanson and Commissioner Hagel recommended Chad Hoornaert with Bremer in Carrington to be the Agent of Record. Renewal for coverage on liability, vehicles and equipment is due April 15th and Fire and Tornado will renew July 1st, and the same agent would handle both types of insurance. Commissioner Scanson made the motion to select Foster County’s agent of record to be Chad Hoornaert with Bremer Bank, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Commissioners all noted upcoming committee meetings in the next few weeks. Jeff Gale, NDSU Extension, provided a handout for Lead Local training that will take place on April 16th for anyone interested.

With no further business, Vice-Chair Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:19 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Vice-Chair
Board of County Commissioners