

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 2nd, 2025

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the August 19th Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Roller. 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.

39057	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	363.25
39058	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	1,855.60
39059	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	120.00
39060	BOOTE SEPTIC SOLUTIONS	125.00
39061	BREMER INSURANCE AGENCIES, INC.	27.00
39062	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	104.71
39063	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	92.28
39064	CENTRAL CITY H20+	76.50
39065	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	119.00
39066	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	1,460.00
39067	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	500.98
39068	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	108.20
39069	GILBERT BLACK	26,249.30
39070	HAGEL CONSTRUCTION	400.00
39071	JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS INC.	551.50
39072	JERROD HOLTE	18.20
39073	JOHN LOFFELMACHER	11,054.40
39074	KARA BRINSTER	175.00
39075	KATLYN SMITH	86.00
39076	KIMMBERLEY RUST	16,346.40
39077	LEADING EDGE	154.01
39078	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC.	248.50
39079	MARC HALVORSON	23,436.70
39080	MARK ANDERSON	1,568.00
39081	MICHELLE M BYRUM	8,609.30
39082	MITCHELL ELLINGSON	13,230.00
39083	MITCHELL ELLINGSON	300.00
39084	MYRTLE ANNE VICK	31,105.20
39085	NAPA AUTO PARTS	29.29
39086	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	479.18
39087	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	60.38
39088	SCHAFER FARMS	26,166.00
39089	SIDWELL COMPANY	500.00
39090	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	2,500.00
39091	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
39092	TERRY OTTO	22,226.40
39093	TERRY OTTO	300.00
39094	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	810.00
39095	TOPP LAND AND CATTLE	14,758.80
39096	TOPP LAND AND CATTLE	2,500.00
39097	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	270.15
39098	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	140,617.93
39099	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	1,500.00
39100	GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT	2,000.00

Commissioner Utke requested to add CPKC rail discussion to the agenda. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no update on the lots at Juanita Lake. Roundy provided information from Jamie Nelson, Computer Express, on IT equipment in the Community Room. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the estimate from Jamie Nelson for \$4,108.64, seconded by Commissioner Roller. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Roller – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye

motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. Commissioner Utke motioned to allow Wold Engineering to come out and shoot spots on the Murphy Road and Bordulac Road regarding the CPKC train derailment, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion including the Flex Funding Grant application. The best chance of receiving the funding is if the county can contribute 51% to the grant and that would use up all road funding available. The total estimated cost is \$1.9 million. Commissioner Scanson motioned for the county to contribute 20% of the project if awarded, seconded by Commissioner Roller. Commissioner Roller, Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Hagel and Commissioner Scanson voted aye. Commissioner Copenhagen voted nay, motion passed. Commissioner Scanson received a grant form from Great Ramsey Water District to bring water to a curb stop at the Grace City Shop. The cost for the county will be \$2,000. Commissioner Scanson motioned to move forward with the project, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Wold Engineering provided documents from Game and Fish for a wetland easement. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to authorize Road Superintendent Nate Monson to sign and return the form, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke has spoken with local legislators regarding the 2024 train derailment. Commissioner Scanson visited with the Public Service Commission. The PSC does not feel like a special meeting would be necessary. Commissioner Scanson was going to reach out to PSC Commissioner Randy Chrisman regarding the incident. At this point, there is no further action required to be taken by the Foster County Board of Commissioners.

Justin Johnson, Sheriff, approached the BOCC regarding donating a vehicle to the county. Johnson personally purchased a Crown Vic and would like to use it as a squad vehicle. The County would be responsible for licensing and to outfit the vehicle. Commissioner Roller motioned to accept the donation, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster will work on creating a document for the transaction. Additional discussion included Johnson donating a percentage of his pay to the new Sergeant. Discussion was tabled.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented one abatement for Josephine Ellingson/Lee & Mary Harding for the year 2023 for \$437.79. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve the abatement, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included Commissioner Utke providing a short presentation for SIRS radio progress in the State of ND. Commissioner Hagel noted that the Central Prairie Human Service Zone employees have been helping other areas of the state with eligibility work. Commissioner Utke noted that he was notified that rust is showing up in the basement sink. General Roofing and Construction was going to reach out to the plumber that installed the sink. Foster County will be hosting a six-county meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 AM at the Chieftain conference center. NDACo will also be touring Foster County on Thursday, September 25th at 10:15 AM. The budget hearing for the county will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 25th.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners