

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 16th, 2025

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver 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, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price and Michael Rivinius and Jon Martin with Wold Engineering.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the December 2nd Commission meeting. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

39521	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	661.55
39522	BECKY HAGEL	863.07
39523	BRISS OIL COMPANY	44.00
39524	C & J OIL COMPANY	9,151.43
39525	CARRIE NICHOLS	25.00
39526	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	497.56
39527	CENTRAL CITY H20+	48.00
39528	CMF	542.93
39529	COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,000.00
39530	DAKOTA CENTRAL	5,722.12
39531	EIDE BAILLY, LLP	619.00
39532	GRAFIX SHOPPE	685.00
39533	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,411.05
39534	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC.	715.20
39535	JESSICA MOSER	58.80
39536	JOSEPH GUSHWA	11.81
39537	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	17,340.73
39538	ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	50.00
39539	PATRIOT FUELS	77.93
39540	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,003.00
39541	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	353.19
39542	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	113.50
39543	*** VOID *** RICK'S WHOLESALE TIRE INC.	474.80
39544	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	371.20
39545	SIDWELL COMPANY	325.00
39546	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	300.00
39547	TAYLOR PRINT IMPRESSIONS	1,810.39
39548	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4,940.69
39549	UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE	219.00

Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

State’s Attorney Kara Brinster provided an update on the lots by Juanita Lake. The county has two options with how the lots could be split. Tamerac proposed a subdivision of Lot 10 with the road being the dividing line with an estimate of \$3,250 plus recording fees. The second proposal would be to include the roadway all the way to the south to the section line which would cause a resurvey of Auditor’s Lot No. 1 and the section line which would be an estimate of \$4,950 plus recording fees. Commissioner Scanson motioned to go with the second proposal of \$4,950 with recording fees, the motion includes allowing the Auditor’s office to put the lots out for bid with a minimum sale price of Tamerac’s fee plus recording once the work has been completed, seconded by Commissioner Roller. There was nothing to report on the road utility ordinance.

New Business

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, provided the BOCC with an update on bids received for the Flex funding project. The county received five bids for the project. Knife River \$5,140,655.42, Central Specialties Incorporated \$5,341,357.78, Border States Paving, Inc. \$5,439,633.60, Mayo Construction Company \$5,478,179.76 and Gratech Company LLC \$6,178,897.15. Commissioner Scanson motioned to award project FXS-1602 (067), grading, graveling, and paving in Foster County, to the low bid of Knife River Materials – Northern MN Division for \$5,140,655.42 and authorize the appropriate County Officials to sign the construction contract pending concurrence from the NDDOT, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. The county was notified that they were not awarded the ag grant. Rivinius also noted that Wold Engineering completed the pavement testing report for the Bordulac Road.

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. The county has seen a mixture of rain and snow in the last few weeks. Monson noted that the temperature and winds play a factor in putting the sand/salt mixture on the roads. The county cannot do strictly salt as there is no building to cover the salt from the weather. Monson asked the BOCC for permission to purchase a heat blanket for the durapatch oil. This will make the process more efficient. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the purchase of a heating blanket for an estimated \$1,500, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included the following:

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

motion passed. The county received a utility permit application for Dakota Central to bore a fiber optic cable. The Commission and Monson had no issues with the project, no motion to approve required.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, requested the BOCC's approval to renew a CD at Old National Bank. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve a 13-month term at 3.30% seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. New requirements with flex funding and townships require certification from the county for township fund balances. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the township general fund balances as presented with Chairman Copenhaver's signature, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC set the year end meeting date and time for Tuesday, December 30th at 8:30 AM. Roundy presented the 2026 commissioner and county schedule with meeting dates, holidays and summer hours. Discussion included changing the time of commissioner meetings. Commissioner Utke motioned to change the time of commissioner meetings to 8:00 AM and approve the 2026 schedule with one change of the November third meeting moved to November fifth, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy received a beer and wine license renewal from Cows and Co Creamery. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the license seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Foster County Soil Conservation reached out regarding an elementary class planting a tree by the Courthouse. The BOCC saw no issues and will reach out to NDSU Extension agent Jeff Gale and building Maintenance Jerrod Holte on tree type and location.

Commissioner discussion included the process of appointing members to the Foster County Water Board. The topic was tabled and will be discussed at the year end special meeting. Commissioner Hagel and Commissioner Utke met with the Fair Board. The board had questions on insurance and responsibilities. Both parties agree that a JPA or agreement should be updated so all parties are on the same page. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson met with Griggs County regarding the Garrison Pipeline. Commissioner Utke asked that Auditor/Treasurer Roundy send road utility documents to Griggs County. Commissioner Utke had reached out to Chris Thomas, EAPC, regarding status of the final items for the basement renovation. Thomas stated that General Roofing has reached out to a tile installer and has ordered replacement tiles for the bathrooms in the basement. Work on that will begin shortly. Commissioner Hagel noted that building maintenance Holte had noted that three of the new doors have cracks in them and that she had purchased the paint and sealer for the vault floors for application. Commissioner Hagel also noted that the human service zone board will start meeting quarterly in 2026. The next regular meeting will be held on January 6th, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners