

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 3rd, 2018

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel and Commissioner David Utke. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg, Sylvester Zurn, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20th, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the bills with a correction to Cass County's payment, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye, and the motion passed.

26055	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	236.74
26056	AVID HAWK, LLC	1,820.00
26057	BERTS TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD INC	180.61
26058	BRAD SOLBERG	7.25
26059	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	16.12
26060	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	146.72
26061	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	24.93
26062	CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT	2,387.00
26063	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	96.00
26064	CENTRAL CITY H20+	144.50
26065	CENTRAL CITY H20+	26.00
26066	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	179.00
26067	COMPUTER EXPRESS	625.00
26068	COREAN SWART	239.07
26069	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	130.00
26070	DAVID UTKE	228.90
26071	EDDY COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	817.13
26072	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	79.18
26073	ESRI INC	1,300.00
26074	FASTENAL COMPANY	125.47
26075	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	431.05
26076	HIWAY TESORO	324.35
26077	HIWAY TESORO	515.03
26078	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	26.50
26079	J.O.B. WELDING & REPAIR	245.00
26080	JESSICA EARLE	82.37
26081	JOEL LEMER	417.66
26082	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	19.72
26083	KRISTIN LARSON	45.78
26084	LARSEN PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.	260.00
26085	LIGHT AND SIREN	22.00
26086	LISA D HILBERT	24.53
26087	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	102.06
26088	MARCO	341.92
26089	NAPA AUTO PARTS	310.64
26090	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	6,135.48
26091	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	284.58
26092	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	215.00
26093	NDTC	105.60
26094	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	388.83
26095	NORTH DAKOTA SURPLUS PROPERTY	70.00
26096	OFFICE DEPOT	37.59
26097	OK TIRE STORE	248.11
26098	QUALITY INN	251.10
26099	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	59.09
26100	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	210.55

26101	SIDWELL COMPANY	30.00
26102	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	163.54
26103	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	812.50
26104	UNIFORM CENTER	457.55
26105	USPS	114.20
26106	WELLS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	5,994.66
26107	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	68,709.88

Auditor Solberg asked to add a County Auction to the agenda. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson approached the BOCC with the snow work that had been done since the last meeting. The snow total since the last meeting was twelve inches. Monson stated that the Foster County Load Restrictions are on. Monson told the BOCC that the Foster County Road Department took down tree on a County Share road in Bucephalia Township. Bucephalia would be liable for half of the cost to remove the tree. The wings have been removed from the blades. Monson had the Road Department out crack sealing on the Grace City Highway along with the McHenry Highway. Monson informed the BOCC that his department will be changing their winter hours following daylight savings Time to 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Commissioner Scanson, Commissioner Utke, Auditor Solberg, and Monson met with Mike Rivinius of Wold Engineering on Foster County Road Projects. The group said they needed to come up with a multi-year plan, as doing all the projects in one year is not possible. Monson stated that the Foster County Road Department would like to try a new process on the Murphy Highway. They would use a slurry mix and spread it like a crack seal. This would help fill the divots and make the road smoother. Rivinius told the group that the NDDOT would do traffic reports on the highways to help assist with decision making. The group gave a recommendation to chip seal the Kensal and McHenry Highways and the Grace City Highway. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to go ahead with the recommendation from the group to chip seal the Kensal and McHenry Highways and the Grace City Highway, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote was had, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson told the BOCC that Stutsman County already has their Spring Load Restrictions on and the State of ND would have theirs on by Monday March 26th. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to put Spring Load Restrictions on as of March 26th at 7:00 AM, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg approached the BOCC with a bingo application from the American Legion Auxiliary. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the Bingo Application, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg brought a letter from the ND Highway Patrol to the BOCC. This letter asked whether or not the BOCC would like assistance with Spring Load Restrictions or all year round assistance. Commissioner Utke made a motion to ask for year round assistance from the ND Highway Patrol on overweight citations on the Foster County highways, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tax Director Karen Evans informed the BOCC that she has set up all of the Township/City Equalization meetings. The Townships will hold theirs on Monday, April 9th, with the Cities holding theirs at their next City Council meetings. Evans stated that she is working on the Sales Ratio Report, and will send out the information to the BOCC when she is finished. Evans stated that she doesn't see any drastic changes in valuations.

Auditor Solberg approached the BOCC with a letter from the Foster County Soil Conservation. The Soil Conservation wanted input from the BOCC on where they thought the county needed to add wind breaks. The Soil Conservation would then approach those land owners to try and come up with a plan.

Auditor Solberg stated that he checked with legal counsel about having a hayland bid for 3 or more years. Legal Counsel told Solberg that is appropriate to do. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to bid the hayland for 3 years, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg told the BOCC that he had been approached by employees and community members about a Foster County Auction this year. The BOCC discussed multiple dates to hold the Auction and will look for a date in the month of July.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver moved to adjourn the meeting.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners