

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, and Commissioner Becky Hagel via phone. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura and Village Representative Zaundra Bina.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

26234	ASHLEY LIES LAW, P.C.	789.34
26235	CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES	5,600.00
26236	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	234.63
26237	CARRINGTON DRUG INC.	32.46
26238	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	93.78
26239	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	261.96
26240	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	301.01
26241	CENTRAL CITY H20+	119.00
26242	CENTRAL CITY H20+	88.50
26243	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	125.12
26244	COMPUTER EXPRESS	85.00
26245	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	130.00
26246	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	587.60
26247	DICKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT	200.00
26248	DRY DOCK SPORTS	2,639.99
26249	EDDY COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	28.08
26250	ELLEN ROUNDY	185.97
26251	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	52,578.00
26252	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	37.00
26253	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	103.13
26254	GUSSIAAS ELECTRIC LLC	76.00
26255	HIWAY TESORO	340.10
26256	HIWAY TESORO	555.25
26257	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	26.50
26258	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	560.60
26259	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	291.80
26260	JUSTIN JOHNSON	175.00
26261	L-TRON CORPORATION	329.00
26262	LARSEN PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.	260.00
26263	MARCO, INC.	341.92
26264	MELANIE G HESCH	173.57
26265	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	284.58
26266	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
26267	NDPHA	75.00
26268	NDTC	122.45
26269	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	323.10
26270	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	5,626.85
26271	OFFICE DEPOT	66.27
26272	QUALITY INN COLUMBIA MALL	395.00
26273	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	83.70
26274	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	59.09
26275	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	135.34
26276	SHANE JOHNSON	94.06
26277	SIMPLEX GRINNELL	365.30
26278	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE	425.00
26279	VERIZON WIRELESS	182.27

26280	WELLS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	6,042.95
26281	GRAND FORKS PUBLIC HEALTH	20.00
26282	LISA M. WENINGER	110.00

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson approached the BOCC with the work that had been done since the last meeting. The Road Department has dura-patched county highways on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Monson informed the BOCC that load restrictions are still on and have not heard from the State of North Dakota about when they will be off. Monson told the BOCC that the ice has all melted on Juanita Lake and that the Road Department plans on getting the docks in the water later this week. Monson also said that the Road Department has started to blade gravel and will be pulling in the sides of the roads on the second go around. Finally, Monson mentioned to the BOCC that the Road Department has gone to their summer hours.

The BOCC then heard from Zaundra Bina from The Village. Bina was there to tell the BOCC about an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Bina informed the BOCC that The Village serves over 400 clients and 30 of those clients are other Counties in North Dakota. An EAP is a voluntary, work-based program that offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services to employees who have personal and/or work-related problems. EAP's address a broad and complex body of issues affecting mental and emotional well-being, such as alcohol and other substance abuse, stress, grief, family problems, and psychological disorders. The Village would charge \$1,500/year for this service and it would include eight paid sessions for an individual living alone, and a household would get four times the number that live in the household per year. Auditor Solberg said that Foster County could budget for this starting next year, but Commissioner Beumer stated that waiting until next year could send the wrong message. Auditor Solberg will look through the budget to find funding to pay for the service.

Auditor Solberg had the hayland bids to open and go through with the BOCC. Solberg received one hayland bid from Brandon Gussiaas:  
\$62.00/year  
\$186.00/3 year bid

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to accept the bid from Brandon Gussiaas for \$186.00/3 year bid, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg approached the BOCC about a county provided cell phone instead of a reimbursement for a personal phone. Solberg stated that if anything on his phone was in question, it could be locked until a court would have a chance to go through it. This would lock Solberg's personal phone. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to stop the cell phone reimbursement to Auditor Solberg and provide him with a county cell phone, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle approached the BOCC with the playground equipment grant updates. Earle stated that Foster County is almost fully funded by grants for new playground equipment. Earle also gave an update to the BOCC from FEMA. FEMA may not be able to help out when it comes to washed out roads due to spring flooding. Earle stated that she had interviewed with Eddy County on the Emergency Manager position on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and was waiting to hear back. Finally, Earle brought a Memo of Understanding from Golden Acres Manor. This was to provide emergency services if needed. The BOCC asked Earle to run this past States Attorney Paul Murphy before they make their decision.

Custodian Russ Heidt approached the BOCC about buying a new lawn mower. Heidt informed the BOCC that they current mower he is using is a 14 year old residential mower. Heidt provided the BOCC with a lease from John Deere for an industrial mower for \$7,600 over three years. Heidt has asked the Fair Board to pay \$500/year and the Museum to pay \$200/year as he mows for both places. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to sign the 3 year lease with John Deere, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Commissioner Hagel asked Heidt to get ahold of the Rodeo Association to see if they would chip in also.

Auditor Solberg reminded the BOCC that on May 10<sup>th</sup> there would be an ILG webinar on the Role of the Commissioner. Commissioner Scanson and Utke asked Solberg to sign them up for the webinar.

Commissioner Utke stated that he had a meeting with Lisa Hilbert, Jess Earle, Karen Evans, and Becky Hagel on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss vehicle issues. They discussed the 2004 Trail Blazer that Public Health has and the problems with the door freezing shut. Earle stated that she would be able to purchase a vehicle with 911 funds. Earle would then allow her current expedition to be used for Public Health. The BOCC would like to see a list of vehicles for the State Auction on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Scanson stated that he would like the new vehicles to have magnetic signs.

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

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Pat Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners