

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 3rd, 2018

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19th, 2018 meeting with spelling corrections, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

26586	JOHNSON LAW OFFICES P.C.	1,828.99
26587	FOSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	70.00
26588	ALLIED 100 LLC.	68.74
26589	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	14.98
26590	BRAD SOLBERG	287.24
26591	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	267.89
26592	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	211.04
26593	CENTRAL CITY H20+	44.75
26594	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	334.02
26595	DIANNE HERTEL	165.74
26596	EDDY COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	770.59
26597	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	1,170.00
26598	FOSTER COUNTY FAIR	50.00
26599	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	3,922.33
26600	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,437.50
26601	HIWAY TESORO	103.18
26602	HIWAY TESORO	499.82
26603	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	26.50
26604	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	65.00
26605	JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS INC.	208.00
26606	JOEL LEMER	210.52
26607	JUSTIN JOHNSON	82.86
26608	LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE	540.00
26609	MARCO, INC.	341.92
26610	MELANIE G HESCH	86.27
26611	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	911.40
26612	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	70.00
26613	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	6,159.54
26614	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	284.58
26615	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
26616	NDTC	159.20
26617	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	86.11
26618	OFFICE DEPOT	160.65
26619	OK TIRE STORE	6.59
26620	QUALITY INN	167.40
26621	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	59.09
26622	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	88.84
26623	SANDY & ROBYN BUSHARD	120.67
26624	SHOPKO STORES OPERATING CO., LLC	27.95
26625	SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	13,147.00
26626	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	36.76
26627	UNIFORM CENTER	122.88
26628	VERIZON WIRELESS	182.27
26629	WELLS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	6,361.02

Commissioner Hagel asked to have the budget schedule added to Commissioner Discussion. Commissioner Utke asked that SORN 20/20 be added to Commissioner Discussion. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the agenda with updates, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Auditor Solberg stated that he had heard from a former Auditor on garbage at a County Park. The former Auditor stated that they ended up getting rid of their dumpsters and went to individual trash cans for each person on the lake. This was covered by the homeowners. Commissioner Scanson stated that he spoke with Brager Disposal about the dumpsters and they told him that one was rusted out and no good anymore, and the other had bags of hardened cement at the bottom. Scanson also asked that this stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson had given Auditor Solberg a list of his topics to bring to the BOCC. Attached was a structure replacement certification for the Miller Bridge. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the structure replacement certification, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Citizen John Murphy approached the BOCC about the County Right of Ways. Murphy stated that there are really no problems on the County Roads but the Township Roads have some problems. Murphy also said that each road has a 33ft right of way for the ditch. Murphy didn't see any roads that have been damaged yet, but does not want to see farmers farming the in slope. Murphy suspects that townships will not take action on this.

Tax Director Karen Evans approached the BOCC about a raise needed in commercial property values. Evans stated that she had Linda Leadbetter from the State Tax Commission Office here to help her figure out the commercial property values. A change is needed to be made by the State Equalization board on August 14th.

Evans also brought two contracts from Vanguard to the BOCC to approve. The first contract is a Licensing Agreement and the second is a Service Contract. States Attorney Murphy stated that he did not see anything wrong with going ahead and approving the contracts. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the Licensing Agreement and Service Contract with Vanguard, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson wanted to discuss the Old Munson Bridge that was removed by Foster County in 2004. Scanson stated that Paul Messmer purchased the bridge from Foster County in 2005. Scanson also mentioned that the bridge is in the river channel and has floated once before. Scanson would like the bridge removed from the river channel and proposed a letter to Messmer to have this removed by September 1st, 2018. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to write a letter to Paul Mess stating that the Old Munson Bridge must be removed from the river channel by September 1st, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

States Attorney Paul Murphy gave an update on the ROW Lawsuit with Mike Larson. Murphy stated that other counties sent out letters stating that the landowner has 20 days to abide by the North Dakota Century Code or the county would come in and mow what ever was planted. Murphy also advised the BOCC to discuss this with Mike Larson and have him do some of the leg work. Commissioner Scanson would like the county to do its legal research to help create a policy on County Right of Ways. Chairman Copenhaver asked Murphy about County Share Roads. Copenhaver stated that share roads are a 50/50 split between county and townships. Scanson stated that the townships originally paid for the share roads and just asked the county to help pay for upkeep.

Auditor Solberg presented a letter to the BOCC from General Roofing and Construction stating that the dome repair has been complete and are waiting to hear from EAPC about a final walkthrough.

Commissioner Hagel stated that she would like to meet with department heads on budgets starting July 25th, 2018. Auditor Solberg stated that he will inform the department heads to be ready for the meetings.

Commissioner Utke gave an update on the SORN 20/20 program.

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

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners