

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 1st, 2019

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2019 meeting and September 26th, 2019 special meeting seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

28965 SHANE JOHNSON	180.50
28966 ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	694.24
28967 AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	9.98
28968 BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	198.07
28969 CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	5,480.74
28970 CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	25.77
28971 COMPUTER EXPRESS	224.99
28972 COREAN SWART	369.24
28973 COUNTRY INN & SUITES	84.60
28974 DAVID UTKE	126.44
28975 FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	101.45
28976 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	18.87
28977 NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
28978 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	310.00
28979 OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	771.00
28980 PAT COPENHAVER	1,166.50
28981 PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD	45.00
28982 RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	27.01
28983 RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	315.56
28984 TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	640.00
28985 VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	44,136.90
28986 VISTAPRINT NETHERLANDS B.V.	17.11

Commissioner Utke asked to add Glenfield Siren to the agenda. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Share Roads

Commissioner Utke brought a sheet with costs and expenses for shared roads. Commissioner Scanson stated that he wants each Township to know how much each other Township is receiving from share roads. Commissioner Scanson stated that at the next meeting he wants ideas on how to move forward. Commissioner Hagel stated that this may need to be brought up in a special meeting, as to not waste time in a regular meeting. Commissioner Beumer agreed with Hagel. Commissioner Copenhaver stated that he has met with many of the Townships and that getting rid of the share roads will make Townships upset with Foster County.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, informed the BOCC that there are still some roads closed due to flooding. Monson also told the BOCC that inventories are done for the shops. Monson gave the BOCC 3 options for snowplow truck replacement:

- Do nothing and stay as is
- Another Truck
- Plow for Ford Dually Pickup

Commissioner Copenhaver stated that he thinks that the road dept should have a backup truck. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to allow Monson to spend up to \$25,000 on a spare truck at the next state auction, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Residents Jeff Bata, Corey Stangeland, Bob Mack, Kurt Timm, and Glen Abeldinger approached the BOCC about the Clark/Hart Bridge. Bata stated that the bridge was taken out in 2009 after the FEMA disaster. Bata told the BOCC that the bridge was replaced with a 10 ft. culvert, and that was engineered by Foster County's Engineers Wold Engineering. Bata stated that he doesn't believe a 10 ft. culvert can pass along as much water as the bridge did in the past. Commissioner Scanson said the Bucephalia Township did not want to build up the road, so the one 10 ft. culvert was the solution. Scanson then said that the cfs was similar between the bridge and the culvert. Bata

told the BOCC that he wants to have a stream study done at that crossing. Scanson recommended that the Water Board determine whether they can request a stream study.

Jason Hovdenes gave the BOCC an update on the dewatering project. Hovdenes stated that the first half is done and sealed up and that rain has delayed his progress.

Jeff Edland, Glenfield Fire Dept, approached the BOCC about the Glenfield Siren. Auditor Solberg stated that he had been in contact with ND DES about some grants to help fund a siren. Solberg will check with DES about getting dates on when they are due.

Auditor Solberg brought the minimum sales values to the BOCC to approve on Tax Foreclosure properties. Commissioner Utke made a motion to round up to the nearest 100, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg stated that the maintenance position had been filled by John Harding and he started on September 30th.

Commissioner Hagel stated that Auditor Solberg, Joe Lies, and herself had interviewed Aaron Devereaux for the EM Position and would like to offer him the position. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to offer the EM position to Devereaux at step one, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel told the BOCC that Wells County wanted to re-organize the Central Prairie Social Service Zone. Hagel stated that Wells County wants to go from three to two people on the board, as the Director will get a vote as well. Hagel made a motion to re-organize the Central Prairie Social Service Zone and give each of the three counties two voting members, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC made a phone call to Wold Engineering Engineer Michael Rivinius. The BOCC stated the concerns from Jeff Bata, Corey Stangeland, Bob Mack, Kurt Timm, and Glen Abeldinger in Bucephalia Township. Rivinius asked the BOCC to take pictures and get elevations on the head waters compared to downstream. Rivinius also mentioned that he would be in Foster County and could look.

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

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners