

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 15th, 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 Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1st, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

29012	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	329.56
29013	BARKUS LAW FIRM	500.00
29014	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	60.00
29015	BRAD SOLBERG	238.96
29016	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	240.00
29017	C & J OIL COMPANY	4,331.96
29018	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	339.15
29019	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
29020	CENTRAL PHARMACY	20.65
29021	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	180.00
29022	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	53.34
29023	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	139.55
29024	DANIELLE BECKLEY	140.36
29025	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	709.20
29026	HENRY SCHEIN	16.97
29027	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	568.05
29028	JEROME PAGE	250.00
29029	JUSTIN JOHNSON	293.00
29030	KENT HEWITT	250.00
29031	LEAF	74.80
29032	LEEVEER'S FOODS	2.99
29033	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	176.38
29034	MARCO, INC.	371.81
29035	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	252.67
29036	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	575.41
29037	NAPA AUTO PARTS	147.92
29038	NATHAN MONSON	474.98
29039	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & TRIBAL VSO	60.00
29040	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	111.43
29041	NICKOLAS OSTER	35.00
29042	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	165.00
29043	OK TIRE STORE	49.90
29044	PHARMCHEM INC	171.30
29045	PRO-VISION VIDEO SYSTEMS	30.52
29046	QUILL CORPORATION	347.96
29047	SHANE JOHNSON	35.00
29048	SIDWELL COMPANY	742.50
29049	STONE'S MOBILE RADIO, INC.	556.26
29050	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	237.50
29051	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	26,380.00

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

Old Business

Commissioner Utke brought a sheet with costs and expenses for shared roads. Commissioner Hagel stated that the road distribution and prairie dog funding needs to be looked at before a decision is made. Commissioner Scanson stated that it is getting late in the year, and something is needed for the townships. Copenhaver stated that main roads that are highly traveled need to be looked at for being share roads.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, informed the BOCC that there are still some roads closed due to flooding. Monson stated that Foster County received twenty-four inches of snow during the winter storm. Monson updated the board stating that they did not go and look at a second plow truck due to incoming snow and preparation. Monson was approached by Randy Lura about a ditch being clearing for 1/8th of a mile west, north of his house. Commissioner Scanson stated to have Lura ask the Water Board first. Monson mentioned to the BOCC to not forget about turning the water off in the park before it freezes.

Danielle Koepplin, Clerk of Court, asked the BOCC to reconsider their Jamestown Community Correction agreement. Koepplin stated that JCC administrator Dell Horn has been put on Administrative Leave and is under investigation. Koepplin also stated that only thirteen people have been ordered to do community service over the past two years with JCC. Koepplin checked with Eddy County on how they handle their community service. Eddy County pays WSI a premium of \$250/year for coverage of community service workers, and that the Clerk of Court handles the paperwork. States Attorney Brinster stated that she recommends letting the 2019 agreement run out and to terminate the new contract as of January 1st, 2020. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to terminate the 2020 contract with JCC and have the Clerk of Court take over on January 1st, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans told the BOCC that Vanguard is almost done with their re-assessment. Evans brought an abatement to the BOCC from Randy Gisvold. This abatement was denied by the City of Carrington as the Homeowner did not come forward earlier about the usage change on the property. Evans stated that the values has been reduced for the 2019 tax year. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to deny the abatement for Randy Gisvold, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans explained to the BOCC that Mitch Charles does not qualify for Bee Farmer Exemption as he does not own 10 acres of ag land.

Evans gave the BOCC and update on the ag land valuation. Evans stated that it was too late in the year to do it for the next tax year. Komplex will start working early in 2020 to get info for the 2021 tax year.

Sheriff Justin Johnson approached to BOCC to look at courtroom security staff. Johnson stated that Gene Masse will be leaving, and he will need to be replaced. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to create a security deputy position as a casual position, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Johnson asked the BOCC if he could go ahead and order his new vehicle for the 2020 year. Johnson told the BOCC that it would cost \$26,000 after trade. Commissioner Beumer asked Johnson to have Bessette Motors put the numbers on paper to have the board approve.

Johnson asked the BOCC about purchasing two Kevlar vests that are in his budget. Johnson told the BOCC that it would cost \$2,600. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to allow Johnson to purchase two Kevlar vests, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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. Solberg stated that there needed to be a hearing date to discuss the sales price. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to set November 5th as the hearing date, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Solberg received a letter from the North Dakota State Fair to elect a delegate to attend the meeting. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to elect Donna Anderson as the delegate for Foster County, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg asked the BOCC to have a contingency plan for the maintenance position if that position is ever open.

Commissioner Utke wanted to discuss Bordulac Highway culvert elevation. Brinster stated that she hasn't been able to check with Aaron Birst yet.

Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC to help find a new Housing Board Member. The people that she has checked with have already served.

Auditor Solberg received an email from Audubon Dakota about the Landowner Toolbox Program. Commissioner Scanson asked to hold that until the next meeting.

Scanson asked the BOCC about their thoughts on share roads. Brinster stated that a Special Meeting might be the best route to handle this as it should not be a rushed decision by the Board. Commissioner Scanson stated that he has heard from individuals in the community that they don't believe there should be share roads any longer. Commissioner Copenhaver stated that he hasn't heard about that from the townships he has spoken with. Copenhaver stated that the busy roads should be share roads like the Fireside Road and the Barlow Road. Commissioner Scanson stated that the Fireside Road is not that busy. Discussion ensued on what is considered a busy road. No decisions were made.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners