

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

29094	AARON DEVEREAUX	4.26
29095	ALAN SCANSON	139.20
29096	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	381.97
29097	ASTORIA HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER	178.00
29098	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
29099	BECKY HAGEL	249.29
29100	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	129.48
29101	BUDGET AUTO	250.00
29102	C & J OIL COMPANY	12,918.70
29103	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	456.86
29104	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	302.69
29105	CENTRAL CITY H20+	72.00
29106	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES	259.20
29107	COMFORT SUITES	169.20
29108	COMPUTER EXPRESS	282.35
29109	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	249.35
29110	DAVID UTKE	174.00
29111	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	35,057.61
29112	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	354.58
29113	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	88.20
29114	ID AMERICA	28.00
29115	J & R DIRT WORKS, LLC	13,780.80
29116	J.O.B. WELDING & REPAIR	484.50
29117	JOEL GUSSIAAS	66.25
29118	JUSTIN JOHNSON	324.73
29119	KAREN EVANS	285.00
29120	NAPA AUTO PARTS	38.58
29121	NCZ EXPRESS INC	2,244.40
29122	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,940.00
29123	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	10,772.04
29124	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
29125	NDSU	46.75
29126	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	1.20
29127	OFFICE DEPOT	325.39
29128	OK TIRE STORE	713.47
29129	PATRIOT FUELS	324.09
29130	POSTMASTER	550.00
29131	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	172.80
29132	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	1,036.80
29133	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	1,086.55
29134	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	27.01
29135	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	361.81
29136	SAFE KIDS FM	30.00
29137	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	31,590.00
29138	SYNCB/AMAZON	25.13
29139	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	1,040.00

29140	USPS	92.00
29141	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	24,599.70
29142	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	5,695.32

Commissioner Utke asked to have share roads added under Old Business. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

#### Old Business

Commissioner Utke stated that he would like a timeline for share roads. Commissioner Beumer stated that there needs to be a separate meeting to just discuss share roads. Commissioner Utke asked each commissioner to bring a proposal for share roads to the next meeting for viewing.

#### New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, informed the BOCC that there has been no snow removal since the last meeting, and that the Road Crew started to blade gravel roads. Monson told the BOCC that there are three roads under water and will be closed until Spring. Monson informed the BOCC that there will be a state auction on November 20<sup>th</sup> but stated that there is no listing yet for plow trucks. Monson asked the BOCC if they have thought about getting a plow for the Ford dually pickup. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to allow Monson to purchase the plow for the Ford dually if he did not find a truck at the state auction listing that would work, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson gave an update on the Miller Bridge Project. Monson stated that they are almost done and will have the Guardrail up in the next week.

Kelly Heinert, Dakota Business Solutions Rep, gave a sale pitch to the BOCC for a postage meter. Heinert explained to the BOCC that 50 of the 53 counties in North Dakota have postage meters, and that 42 of the 50 counties are with Dakota Business Solutions. Heinert explained that there would be a \$400-500 savings each year in postage. The BOCC asked Auditor Solberg to check with all departments to see if they would use this to generate the savings.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans told the BOCC that Vanguard is almost done with their re-assessment. Evans brought an abatement to the BOCC for Joe Voglewede for 2017 and 2018 tax year. This abatement was property that doesn't exist. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept the abatement for Joe Voglewede for 2017 and 2018 tax years, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans brought three building permits to the BOCC for approval. They were for Wes Miller, Tyson Rosenau, and Tim Carr. All three were approved earlier in the day by the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to approve all three building permits, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans gave the BOCC an 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 in early 2020 to get info for the 2021 tax year. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to approve the Komplex Contract for ag land re-valuation, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans told the BOCC that she has recently started an Ag Land audit conducted by the State of North Dakota.

Sheriff 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 Copenhagen made a motion to allow Johnson to order his new squad vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Johnson asked the BOCC about raising his spending limit to \$1,000 for his department. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to raise the Sheriff Departments spending limit to \$1,000, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg asked the BOCC about looking into the Library's Community Room as a new polling place location for the upcoming elections.

Solberg asked the BOCC to come up with a location, date, and agenda for the upcoming 6 county meeting. The BOCC decided that December 10<sup>th</sup> would work best at the City Library.

Solberg asked the BOCC if they had any people interested in the Housing Board. The BOCC asked Solberg to get more information on the Housing Board so they can answer questions about it when asked.

Solberg presented the Human Service Zone Agreement with the changes made to the voting members. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg received an email from Audubon Dakota about the Landowner Toolbox Program. Commissioner Beumer asked if this should be run through extension. Commissioner Utke asked if this should be run through the soil conservation district. This will be a continued topic at the next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:58pm.

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners