

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 4th, 2018

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

26913	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	294.88
26914	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	232.16
26915	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	245.78
26916	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,558.98
26917	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	548.85
26918	CARRINGTON DRUG INC.	32.46
26919	CARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #49	44.00
26920	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	72.35
26921	CENTRAL CITY H20+	17.50
26922	COMPUTER EXPRESS	40.00
26923	DIANE NYGAARD	66.50
26924	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	178.63
26925	EDDY COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	769.51
26926	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	810.58
26927	HENRY SCHEIN	112.65
26928	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	535.99
26929	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	26.50
26930	KINETIC LEASING, INC.	16,658.02
26931	KOLLMAN ENTERPRISE'S	35.00
26932	LEAF	156.12
26933	MAINSTAY SUITES - WATFORD CITY	253.80
26934	MARCO	341.92
26935	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	301.61
26936	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	2,209.78
26937	NDTC	21.20
26938	OFFICE DEPOT	61.32
26939	PATAGONIA HEALTH INC.	16,170.00
26940	PATRIOT FUELS	323.98
26941	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	190.77
26942	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	1,027.56
26943	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	747.07
26944	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	273.48
26945	SIDWELL COMPANY	315.00
26946	TIM AND NANCY KRAUSE	226.31
26947	VERIZON WIRELESS	182.04
26948	WELLS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	6,113.89

Commissioner Scanson asked to have the Old Monson Bridge added under old business. Commissioner Utke asked to have his goals handout added with the goals under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Scanson asked Auditor Solberg if he had heard from Paul Messmer about the removing the Old Monson Bridge from the channel of the James River. Solberg stated that he had not heard from Mr. Messmer. Commissioner Scanson asked if he could contact this gentleman from Ashley to have it removed, but Solberg stated that Foster County does not own the property any longer and doesn't think that the Commission can give it someone else. Commissioner Copenhaver said we should speak to States Attorney Murphy to give directions. Solberg called to Murphy's office, but Murphy was out until later in the evening.

New Business

Auditor Solberg brought two raffle permits to the BOCC for approval. The first was for Carrington preschool, and the second was for Carrington Youth Football. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the raffle from Carrington preschool and Carrington Youth Football, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg brought the purchase agreement for the Miller Bridge ROW. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the payment to Jean Miller for the Miller Bridge ROW, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke received a letter from Cooperstown Medical Center (CMC). CMC wanted Foster County to sign their letter regarding a new hospital if Foster county did not think it would negatively impact other facilities in the service area. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to sign the CMC letter, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke also presented the BOCC with a handout to help keep track of all Commissioner Goals. Utke asked all commissioners to review and add to the list, and they could discuss at the next BOCC meeting. Auditor Solberg said that his office can work on a design to help with readability.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle presented the Eddy/Foster County JPA to the BOCC. Earle stated that Eddy County had approved the JPA earlier in the day at their commission meeting. The Foster County BOCC approved the JPA on August 7th, 2018.

Earle also had been in contact with Nicole Threadgold about the County Park equipment that the two of them have been working on grants for. Earle stated that the Carrington Elementary School has playground edging for purchase at their auction, and that it could be a cost savings for the new equipment. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve Auditor Solberg to spend up to \$750 on the playground edging at the Carrington Elementary School auction, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Earle presented the Foster County Security Plan to the BOCC for approval. Commissioner Hagel found a few grammatical changes. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve and adopt the Foster County Security Plan with the grammatical changes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Road Superintendent Nate Monson told the BOCC that the road dept is blading very few roads with it being so dry out. Monson informed the BOCC that the road dept has all of the mowing done on the County Highways, and the ad for landowners to mow their ditches and remove their bales will go in the paper at the end of September. Monson stated that all of the docks at Juanita Lake will come out at the end of September as well. Monson received a letter from the ND Game and Fish Dept about the fishing dock. The letter stated that the Game and Fish Dept had fixed a bent rail, replaced legs on 1 side, and used self tapping screws to adjust the sign. Their was also a note for the road dept to replace the cable holding it to shore.

States Attorney Murphy called in to answer questions on the Old Monson Bridge. Commissioner Scanson told Murphy that Foster County sold the bridge to Paul Messmer in 2005 and it still sits where it was left. Scanson wanted to know if Foster County can sell the bridge or give it to someone else. Their also is an apparent letter from the land owner stating that the bridge can stay where it is for as long as the owner allows. Murphy stated that since Foster County sold the bridge and that there is an apparent letter between owner and land owner, that Foster County has no play in the issue. Commissioner Scanson asked what would Foster County's liability be if the bridge were to be picked up by the James River and run into the Highway 200 bridge. Murphy answered by saying that would be a landowner and bridge owner issue, and that Foster County would likely have zero liability.

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

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners