

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 18th, 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, Commissioner Scott Beumer and Commissioner Becky Hagel. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg, Butler Salesman Kevin Walford, 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 September 4th, 2018 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.

26993	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,669.45
26994	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
26995	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	240.00
26996	BREMER BANK, N.A.	70.00
26997	BRISS OIL COMPANY	165.00
26998	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	20,940.05
26999	C & J OIL COMPANY	8,337.99
27000	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	185.50
27001	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	660.97
27002	CHI ST. ALEXIUS CARRINGTON	47.00
27003	CITY OF CARRINGTON	59.96
27004	COMPUTER EXPRESS	285.00
27005	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	30.70
27006	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	130.50
27007	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	1,533.39
27008	EVERBRIDGE, INC DBA NIXLE	3,000.00
27009	GENERAL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION	375.00
27010	ID AMERICA	206.80
27011	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	745.65
27012	JEFF GOLZ	1,000.00
27013	JESSICA EARLE	52.50
27014	NAPA AUTO PARTS	55.85
27015	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	9,007.49
27016	OFFICE DEPOT	842.84
27017	OK TIRE STORE	124.79
27018	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	9,000.28
27019	PATRIOT FUELS	519.14
27020	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	473.46
27021	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	3,835.00
27022	UNIFORM CENTER	24.00
27023	US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC	1,928.55
27024	USPS	907.50
27025	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	4,615.00

Commissioner Scanson asked to have the public health building under Commissioner Discussion. Commissioner Utke asked to give a NE CRIB update under Emergency Manager Jess Earle. Auditor Solberg asked to add North Dakota State Fair Delegate under Commissioner Discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson told the BOCC that the road department is blading very few roads with it being so dry out. Monson informed the BOCC that the road department 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 are out.

A stream crossing determination in Rosehill Township was requested by the Foster County Rural Water District. The location is 73rd Ave NE, between SE ¼ of Section 31 and the SW ¼ of Section 32, township 146N, range 65W. Crossing is recommended to have 211 cfs of water flow potential. The current flow is 120-125 cfs. There were 3 options to fix the flow issue.

Option A: Remove existing 24" and two 36" culverts and install two new 54" culverts for 220 cfs

Option B: Leave existing 24" and two 36" culverts and install one used 48" culvert for 215 cfs

Option C: Leave one existing 36" culvert, remove one 24" and one 36", and install two used 48" culverts for 240 cfs

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve option C, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote was had, and with 4 aye and 1 nay, the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg approached the BOCC about changing the time of the October 2nd, 2018 Commissioner meeting. The reason for the time change is the Foster County Commission was asked to participate in the Main Street Initiative at 2:30pm on October 2nd with the Governors Office. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to move the meeting to start at 5:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tax Director Karen Evans approached the BOCC about unpaid mobile home taxes. Evans stated that 2 have not paid and that the County is starting the eviction process. Evans then spoke with the BOCC about rural residence land valuation. Evans wants to re-evaluate all rural residences. This includes people that have chosen to live in the country, those that are not farmers, and those that did not qualify for farm residence exemption. Evans' plan is to equalize the valuations. The BOCC asked Evans to come up with a simpler plan that can be done before the 2019 valuations need to be finalized.

Emergency Manager Earle approached the BOCC about the 911 conference that she attended. She spoke on the change that the State of North Dakota is making on the 911 fees. They will now be basing our payment on calls for service now, not just lines in the county. Earle also gave a quick update on the County Park Equipment. Earle said that to keep the grant, Foster County will need to purchase the equipment by February 2019. Commissioner Utke spoke briefly on the NE CRIB, and that their meeting had been canceled and that they now have a call in meeting on September 19th.

Auditor Solberg provided an updated Goals list for the BOCC. Solberg asked the BOCC to let himself or Ellen Roundy know of any changes that they would like to see. Solberg then informed the BOCC that Commissioner Hagel purchased a water fountain for the first floor hallway. The fountain was purchased at the Carrington Elementary School auction with the intent to save money on water.

Commissioner Hagel and Auditor Solberg were approached by Nicole Threadgold about another CHI Grant that could be used to help purchase more park equipment. This would require no match from Foster County. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to have Threadgold apply for the grant with Foster County's permission, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson met with Lisa Hilbert at the Public Health Building to see what needs to be done around the building. They noticed that they could fill the front SW corner with concrete to hopefully help keep water out of the basement. They also spoke about caulking a few spots to also keep water out. Other projects that Public Health is looking at is making a larger Break Room/Conference Room. Lisa Hilbert is going to ask around for quotes on what the project will cost.

Auditor Solberg received a letter from the North Dakota State Fair Board, and Foster County needs to elect a delegate for the North Dakota State Fair Board meeting. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to elect Donna Anderson as the Foster County Delegate for the North Dakota State Fair, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners