

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3<sup>rd</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, and Commissioner Becky Hagel. 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 December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke requested to discuss SIRN 20/20 under commissioner discussion. Auditor Solberg asked to add a short conversation on the Legislative Session. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

### Old Business

Commissioner Scanson stated that he had spoke with Larrabee Township about a potential cost share on fixing the railroad crossing. Larrabee Township could not commit until there was a solid price.

### New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson mentioned to the BOCC that there has been 36 inches of snow so far this winter. Monson also wanted to publicly thank some county residents:

- Elliot Paczkowski-Friday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Monson had a truck that quit, and Elliot came over to help him out.
- Jerry Biel-Road Crew had an alternator quit, and Jerry came out in the cold to help fix it.
- Lee and Dan Gilbertson-Came on the weekend to pick up a broke down truck, and fixed it that evening.

Monson then went over the blade hours, idle times, billings from the blades, and a breakdown of the sick and vacation used by the Road Crew.

Weed Board member Roger Edland retired from the Weed Board. Chairman Scanson presented Edland with a plaque recognizing Edland's many years of service to the Foster County Weed Board. Ethan Stangeland volunteered to be the newest member of the Foster County Weed Board. Commissioner Utke made a motion to appoint Stangeland as a member of the Foster County Weed Board, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

States Attorney Kara Brinster gave a welcome statement to the BOCC. Brinster explained that her office will at 832 Main St in Carrington, and her contact info is 701-652-1270 or [kbrinster@nd.gov](mailto:kbrinster@nd.gov). Brinster's intent is to attend the BOCC meetings regularly, be available to the BOCC for questions but she will not keep specific hours for State's Attorney duties. Brinster stated that she will track her hours that she puts in as State's Attorney. Brinster then stated that Jody Dunn had resigned her position in the State's Attorneys office and that she will be looking for a new assistant. Commissioner Scanson asked Brinster if she thought that she would need to keep her office at the County Courthouse. Brinster stated that she would like to have a space to meet with clients, but not necessarily that space.

Tax Director Karen Evans have an update from the Planning and Zoning meeting held earlier that morning. Evans presented three building permits to the BOCC for approval. The first was for Terry Otto, the second was for Richard Zink, and the third was for Noreen Bartlett. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the three building permits, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans then stated that the Planning and Zoning board appointed Justin Topp as their Chairperson, and Cash Biel as their Vice-Chair. Evans also mentioned that the BOCC would need to appoint someone to be the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to appoint Karen Evans as the Planning and Zoning Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg mentioned to the BOCC that Harold Rotunda will now be doing the audits for the county going forward. Rotunda asked Solberg to request that the BOCC zero out any inactive funds. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to zero out inactive funds, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented the Software Innovations contract to the BOCC for approval. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the Software Innovations Contract, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

At a meeting the previous year, the BOCC asked Commissioner Hagel to continue to do the radio spot. Hagel agreed with the idea of discussing it again in the future. Hagel stated that she does not mind doing the spot.

The BOCC discussed possible changing of Juanita Lake Camping Rates. The BOCC asked Solberg to add it to the next agenda.

Commissioner Hagel gave a brief overview of the new Central Prairie Social Service District.

Commissioner Utke gave a brief update on the SIRN 20/20 project. Utke mentioned to the BOCC that the procurement process for the new equipment is still ongoing, and that Legislation is key to help with funding this project.

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

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners