

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 16<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, Commissioner Becky Hagel 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 April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. 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.

28151	CREDIT COLLECTION BUREAU	274.54
28152	ACCO BRANDS DIRECT	80.03
28153	ALAN SCANSON	139.20
28154	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	717.30
28155	AVID HAWK, LLC	53.00
28156	BAN-KOE COMPANIES	805.00
28157	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	187.21
28158	BRAD SOLBERG	65.20
28159	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	240.00
28160	BRISS OIL COMPANY	186.50
28161	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	4,049.49
28162	C & J OIL COMPANY	8,716.11
28163	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	24.13
28164	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	333.15
28165	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
28166	CITY OF CARRINGTON	29.98
28167	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	175.13
28168	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	347.76
28169	ESRI INC	1,300.00
28170	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,227.92
28171	HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	172.00
28172	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	135.00
28173	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,088.20
28174	INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE CO.	18.00
28175	J & J STRIPING (TRUCKING)	850.00
28176	J.O.B. WELDING & REPAIR	830.00
28177	NAPA AUTO PARTS	187.24
28178	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	35.00
28179	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
28180	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	3,230.61
28181	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	10,337.93
28182	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	2,503.20
28183	OFFICE DEPOT	335.63
28184	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	310.00
28185	OK TIRE STORE	67.95
28186	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	1,300.00
28187	PAT COPENHAVER	139.20
28188	PATRIOT FUELS	754.16
28189	PHARMCHEM INC	142.75
28190	QUALITY INN	169.20
28191	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	236.35
28192	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	27.01
28193	RICK'S WHOLESALE TIRE INC.	30.00
28194	SLEEP INN & SUITES	167.40
28195	STUART WALEN	27.00
28196	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	5,110.00

28197	WAYNE'S BUILDING MAINTENANCE	450.00
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Commissioner Utke asked to add EAPC update to agenda. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

#### New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson stated that Foster County has a closed road due to water on roadways. The closed road is the four miles of the Clark/Hart Bridge road. Monson informed the BOCC that there was shoulder work done on the McHenry Highway by Gilbertson's. Monson mentioned a collapsed 24" culvert on the Juanita Road that needs to be replaced. Monson also stated that the crack sealing is done and that they have durapatched 125 spots so far this year. Monson then told the BOCC that they will start blading and go to summer hours on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Scanson made a statement:

The public has perception that Road Superintendent Monson makes policy for the County. He does not, and if people have concerns that they call the Commissioners.

States Attorney Kara Brinster stated that after looking into county share roads, she has more questions than answers. Brinster stated that she had no answers at the moment and is working with Aaron Birst of the NDACo. Brinster emphasized that if the North Dakota Century Code is silent on an issue, it usually means no.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans stated that the Townships and Cities held their equalization meetings. Evans then provided information on the rural residence equalization project that she has been working on. Evans said that she did not evaluate the Carrington ETA. Evans' projects resulted in the total value increase for rural residences was \$204,000.

Evans then presented the sales ratio report to the BOCC. Evans stated that sales have been on the lower side this past year. Evans came with a recommendation to decrease commercial values 5% to 95%, decrease residential values 6% to 95%, and increase ag land 2% to 90%. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve Evans' recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Brad Solberg presented a Gaming Site Authorization for Rice Deade Post. The authorization is for pull tabs at the Bordulac Bar and Grill. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorization, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg then brought the Public Safety Plan Enrollment for NDPERS. A motion was made by Commissioner Hagel for Foster County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Foster County is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 11-15-03 and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of the Foster County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Utke. The Board approved joining the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective May 1, 2019.

Solberg presented the BOCC with a General Assistance Burial request. The Central Prairie Human Service Director approved the request up to \$1,800 per policy. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve \$1,800 for the General Assistance Request, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver.

Sheriff Justin Johnson presented a vehicle change request to the BOCC. The BOCC had approved to purchase a new Chevrolet Tahoe in the Sheriff Budget. Sheriff Johnson was called by Bessette Motors and told that the Tahoe had not been started yet, but they would be able to give a better deal on a Silverado. Johnson informed the BOCC that Foster County would save \$3,800 and have a higher resale value as this is not a police package. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to allow Sheriff Johnson to change the vehicle his department would like to purchase, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC moved their meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for a tour of the open offices.

The BOCC moved back to the board room to their next agenda item.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Hilbert asked the BOCC to look at the hourly rates for a potential new hire for the Public Health Office. Commissioner Hagel stated that she looked into what more public health offices pay. Hagel proposed a rate of \$25.28/hour for the candidate. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve hiring the candidate at \$25.28/hour, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson stated that he will be going out to Juanita Lake to meet with Jeff Golz and go over a letter about the job description.

The BOCC had a short discussion on the current Legislative Session.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle had Auditor Solberg present the BOCC with a burn restriction notice. This burn restriction would only go on when the fire index was set to Very High, Extreme or a Red Flag Warning. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to sign the burn restriction, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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