

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2<sup>nd</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 via phone, Commissioner Scott Beumer and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg 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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

28077 AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	6.49
28078 BEACH CUSTOM HAULING	1,800.00
28079 BECKY HAGEL	134.56
28080 CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	118.00
28081 CENTRAL CITY CONCEPTS	112.00
28082 COMPUTER EXPRESS	525.95
28083 COREAN SWART	239.07
28084 DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	159.85
28085 FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	55.76
28086 HR COLLABORATIVE	75.00
28087 JUSTIN JOHNSON	323.29
28088 LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	61.54
28089 MARCO	371.81
28090 ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	570.00
28091 ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOCIATION	100.00
28092 ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
28093 ND COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION	200.00
28094 CITY OF CARRINGTON	18.17
28095 OFFICE DEPOT	154.22
28096 OK TIRE STORE	94.95
28097 OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	60.00
28098 QUILL CORPORATION	174.46
28099 RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	761.40
28100 RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	100.00
28101 RANDY'S ELECTRIC	641.60
28102 ROGER GUSSIAAS	55.68
28103 RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	214.42
28104 SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	363.95
28105 SYNCB/AMAZON	126.23
28106 T & K SALES / LEE'S REPAIR	909.60
28107 T & K SALES / LEE'S REPAIR	4,494.32
28108 TIM CARR CONSTRUCTION	2,875.00
28109 TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	875.00

Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Scanson stated that Commissioner Hagel and Emergency Manager Jess Earle looked though the office space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to determine how much space was needed.

New Business

Road Superintendent Nate Monson stated that Foster County has closed roads due to water on roadways. Those roads include 60<sup>th</sup> Ave W of county line for 4 miles, Bee farm road, and parts of Dover Dam road. Monson stated that the load restrictions went into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Road Department has started to crack seal and mark spots to dura-patch. Monson mentioned that the Road Department will likely be blading roads starting at the end of the week. Monson also informed the BOCC that the Road Department will be going to summer hours on April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives from McHenry Township approached the BOCC about doing some work on share roads. The township wanted to replace two culverts and lower one other. Commissioner Scanson stated that the BOCC has States Attorney Kara Brinster looking into the legality of share roads. Scanson also stated that the BOCC doesn't want to take any action until they hear back from their legal counsel. Commissioner Beumer asked when the Township would like to do the work. They stated that the work would wait until this summer after planting has taken place. Commissioner Utke also stated that he would feel more comfortable after they hear from Brinster and would not recommend any approval or denial until then.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Hilbert approached the BOCC about raising the wage for a potential new hire. Hilbert stated that the pay cut that the potential candidates would be taking would be around \$7.00/hour and based on the rate of pay the candidate would not accept the position. Commissioner Copenhaver asked Hilbert what wage would be necessary to hire this employee and Hilbert stated around \$25.00/hour. Auditor Solberg stated that this should be looked at with Commissioner Hagel. Solberg then said his office would work with Hagel to have an answer for the next meeting.

Commissioner Scanson stated that the Building Committee met with Lisa Hilbert about finishing the project on the Public Health Building. This project includes a new backdoor along with new flooring in the back entrance. The project will cost \$3,747.00. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve finishing the project on the Public Health Building, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson also stated that the Building Committee will be meeting the last Tuesday of the month going forward.

Donna Anderson of NDSU Extension approached the BOCC about their plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office space. Anderson stated that Extension needs to make sure that they have enough storage. Commissioner Scanson stated that the BOCC doesn't have any answers yet for the space. Scanson also asked Anderson if she could add more shelves in her current office for more storage. Anderson replied that the space is currently too small for her needs, and that she has material stored in Eddy County. Scanson again stated that no decisions have been made at this time, but that all offices will be informed before anyone is asked to move. Commissioner Copenhaver asked to go and look at the office space now, Commissioner Beumer asked to have 10-15 minutes on the next agenda to view the space.

Duane Sauvageau of Allied Agronomy approached the BOCC about lifting the Load Restrictions to the Barlow Elevator for anhydrous trucks only. He told them he would have the trucks drive 25 mph on this highway too. Sauvageau also stated that he met with Wells County earlier in the day and they lifted the restrictions with a reduced speed to 25 mph and a \$20 fee for each truck. Sauvageau stated that it would only be for 3 weeks during planting season. Commissioner Scanson had Auditor Solberg read a letter from Mike Rivinius of Wold Engineering. The letter stated:

Brad, Alan asked me to send you my thoughts on eliminating your spring load restrictions on the roads that have been overlaid. My thoughts are to keep the load restrictions in place to prevent damage due to the potentially soft subgrade during the spring thaw. These roads have been overlaid but are still susceptible to damage during the spring thaw. Following the load restriction timing as on the state highway roadways in your area would be ideal to minimizing potential spring thaw damage.

After hearing the letter from Rivinius, the BOCC came to a consensus to deny the request.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle provided the BOCC with a copy of an Emergency Declaration for this year's winter's storms. Earle stated that since Foster County participated in the State of ND's Winter Storm Executive Order that we should declare an Emergency. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to sign the Emergency Declaration, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

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