

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 2nd, 2020

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

30169	BECKY HAGEL	45.00
30170	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	71.82
30171	BLM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	24.00
30172	BRIGID GLENNEN	45.00
30173	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	433.04
30174	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
30175	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	383.78
30176	CREATIVE SERVICES OF NEW ENGLAND	204.95
30177	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	130.30
30178	DR. JAY BAUER	45.00
30179	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	45.00
30180	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	1,314.63
30181	ESRI INC	700.00
30182	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	2,183.00
30183	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	476.15
30184	HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	153.20
30185	J & J STRIPING (TRUCKING)	2,330.00
30186	JUSTIN JOHNSON	51.99
30187	KOLLMAN ENTERPRISE'S	195.00
30188	KULLY SUPPLY	65.48
30189	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. CEN.	1,760.00
30190	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	40.00
30191	NDACS	50.00
30192	NDPHA	75.00
30193	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	1,032.00
30194	OFFICE DEPOT	57.10
30195	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	261.24
30196	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	195.68
30197	UNIFORM CENTER	111.19
30198	USPS	138.00

Commissioner Hagel asked to add healthy community letter to agenda. Commissioner Scanson asked to add lifting road restrictions to agenda. Auditor Solberg asked to add NDSU extension letter to agenda. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent provided an update sheet to the BOCC. Monson stated in the sheet that there we no major repairs needed. Monson stated that the gravel roads are better but still soft, and there are numerous locations on pavement that need work. Commissioner Copenhaver asked Monson when load restrictions should come off. Monson stated that is up to the BOCC to decide. Commissioner Scanson asked if Monday June 8th would work, and the consensus was with little rain Monday June 8th the load resections would come off.

Commissioner David Utke spoke about Alkali Lake. Utke stated that Foster County should start to look at planning and budgeting for a potential project. Utke also stated that he hoped the feasibility study would be done next week.

Auditor Solberg asked the BOCC if they had time to look over the policy book yet. Hagel told the BOCC to look into salaries and promotions and vacation accrual. The BOCC asked Hagel and Solberg to go through and look into changes. Commissioner Hagel mentioned to the BOCC that it would be a good time to look into Summer Hours.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have summer hours starting June 15th, 2020 and going through Labor Day weekend, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. With a roll call vote, all voted aye, and the motion passed.

Pharmacist Shane Wendel wanted to thank the BOCC for allowing the MAT Clinic to be run in the Foster County Public Health Building. Wendel also stated that they are now done using the building.

Public Health Nurse Lisa Hilbert asked the BOCC if her department could hire two casual RN's. Commissioner Hagel stated that could cause issues with other departments, as they are staffed even lower than Public Health. This topic was tabled until next meeting. Hagel presented a letter from Healthy Communities requesting support from Foster County. The consensus was to support the letter.

Auditor Solberg asked the BOCC about opening the building back up to the public. Solberg mentioned that many other counties are looking into this. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to open the building up June 15th, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg had no update on the Cornice Project.

With no further business, Chairman Utke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners