

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

At 3:30pm, Chairman Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner Scott Beumer. Also present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, States Attorney 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson asked to have Brager Disposal removed from the bills. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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| 31482 |  | ALLIED 100 LLC.                |  | 28.94     |
| 31483 |  | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.  |  | 242.11    |
| 31484 |  | BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.        |  | 342.93    |
| 31485 |  | BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.          |  | 34,069.66 |
| 31486 |  | BRINSTER LAW, P.C.             |  | 246.48    |
| 31487 |  | CARRINGTON MOTORS INC          |  | 339.90    |
| 31488 |  | CENTRAL CITY H20+              |  | 70.50     |
| 31489 |  | CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT |  | 200.00    |
| 31490 |  | COMPUTER EXPRESS               |  | 2,668.97  |
| 31491 |  | DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST |  | 58.99     |
| 31492 |  | DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC            |  | 101.80    |
| 31493 |  | DOCU SHRED INC                 |  | 149.03    |
| 31494 |  | FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT      |  | 322.80    |
| 31495 |  | GALL'S                         |  | 46.32     |
| 31496 |  | JUSTIN JOHNSON                 |  | 30.00     |
| 31497 |  | MARCO, INC.                    |  | 1,465.51  |
| 31498 |  | MELANIE G HESCH                |  | 18.34     |
| 31499 |  | NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS           |  | 336.00    |
| 31500 |  | OFFICE DEPOT                   |  | 111.85    |
| 31501 |  | QUADIENT FINANCE               |  | 208.82    |
| 31502 |  | RDO EQUIPMENT CO.              |  | 7,255.47  |
| 31503 |  | STREET CRIMES                  |  | 349.00    |
| 31504 |  | SYNCB/AMAZON                   |  | 90.57     |
| 31505 |  | TRACEY ADKINS                  |  | 14.96     |
| 31506 |  | WILLIAM J GALE                 |  | 205.52    |

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the lost check affidavit for Privacy Shields, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Old Business

Discussion was had on the County Gravel Pit. Commissioner Hagel stated that there is a Fee Simple Title on the property and that it belongs to Foster County. BOCC is waiting on written verbiage from ND Attorney General's office.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, mentioned to the BOCC that there has been little to no maintenance needed since the last meeting. Monson stated that crack sealing material will arrive in the next day, and that the Road Department is planning on crack-sealing the Grace City Road and the first seven miles of the McHenry Road until material or time runs out. Durapatch oil will be ordered when the temperature rises. Monson presented a culvert on the Barlow Road north of Jim Harmon's that needed to be replaced. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the purchase and install of a 36" culvert on the road with Wyard Township paying 25%, Carrington Township paying 25% and Foster County paying 50% of the \$7,500-\$8,000 project, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson asked the BOCC about when to put on load restrictions. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to put load restrictions on when State of ND puts theirs on, seconded by commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg read a request to change shifts for Emergency Manager Aaron Devereaux. Devereaux would like to change from 3-8/hour days to 2-10/hour days a week. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the schedule change, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg presented a letter to the BOCC from the City of Carrington Planning and Zoning. This letter was to let the BOCC know about a proposed zoning change from Residential property to Commercial property. Citizen Russ Heidt approached the BOCC about the letter as well. Heidt asked the BOCC to see what their feelings were on the proposal. Heidt stated that the building would be the same size as the new County Shop. Heidt also spoke to the other neighbors and had them sign a petition to ask Planning and Zoning to not make the change. Heidt stated that this would lower property values in their neighborhood. Commissioner Hagel stated that she believed it to be a safety concern as the County has large pieces of equipment coming and going on that road. Hagel stated that she would attend the public hearing and speak on the behalf of Foster County.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans asked the BOCC if they would give her administrative approval of homestead credit abatements. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to give Evans administrative approval of homestead credit abatements, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Covid-19 vaccine numbers were discussed.

Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC about looking into summer hours again as it was on a yearly basis. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to go to summer hours starting May 1<sup>st</sup> and going through September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson gave a NDSU committee report. Scanson asked that extension come once a quarter to give the BOCC an update on their department.

Commissioner Scanson brought up SB2324 to the BOCC. He asked that all board members look into the bill and come up with potential testimony on the bill if needed. Scanson stated that the bill would be hard on Townships and that he has spoken with Terry Wanzek about looking into some amendments.

Commissioner Hagel stated that there should be a road contract between townships and Foster County. Hagel also wanted to clarify that her proposal did not have a price change per hour for Road Department work, and that it stays at \$75/hour.

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting.

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Becky Hagel, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners