

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 4<sup>th</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 David Utke, Commissioner Copenhaver and Commissioner Scott Beumer. Also present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, States Attorney Kara Brinster, Citizen Jeff Wede, Longview Township Supervisors, 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 April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

31780		COREAN SWART		9.10
31781		AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES		1,912.43
31782		AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.		86.88
31783		BARKUS LAW FIRM		140.00
31784		BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.		399.91
31785		BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY		2,861.80
31786		CENTRAL CITY H20+		13.50
31787		CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES		259.20
31788		COMPUTER EXPRESS		3,525.28
31789		DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC		204.10
31790		DOCU SHRED INC		155.33
31791		ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC.		503.50
31792		EMBLEM ENTERPRISES, INC.		480.07
31793		FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT		422.00
31794		JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		13.94
31795		LEADING EDGE		4.67
31796		LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE		208.60
31797		NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.		1,424.10
31798		OFFICE DEPOT		77.99
31799		RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.		384.31
31800		SYNCB/AMAZON		41.07
31801		UNIFORM CENTER		1,195.81
31802		WILLIAM J GALE		74.48

Auditor Solberg presented a lost check affidavit. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve both lost check affidavits, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Old Business

Discussion was had on the County Gravel Pit. The state of ND will be deeding the entire property back to Foster County and Foster County will deed the mineral rights over to the State of ND.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, mentioned to the BOCC that there has been 0.12 inches of rain since the last meeting. Monson stated that load restrictions were still on in Foster County. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to pull restrictions Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver asked for the BOCC to look into at least 1 54" culvert on the Barlow Road. The BOCC decided to wait to determine a size.

Longview Township Supervisors approached the BOCC about the Road Maintenance Contract and why they have not signed it. Supervisor Schneider told the BOCC that signing the contract would be financial suicide for the townships with the cost of big culverts. The BOCC explained that the big culverts may fall under the bridge exception and the county will potentially pay for bridges on township roads. Discussion occurred and no motions were made.

Karen Evans, Tax Equalization Director, presented the Sidwell update. Foster County would pay up the rest of the current contract and anything else would be billed at an hourly rate from Sidwell. Evans will bring more to the next meeting.

Auditor Solberg presented a Raffle Permit for the Crossroads Golf Course. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the raffle permit, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

States Attorney Brinster mentioned to the BOCC that Public Health was challenged by a client about masking, and not wanting to wear one in the building. Public Health asked if they have the right to refuse service if patrons do not mask. The BOCC decided to keep all current measures in place, which does not require anyone to wear a mask while entering a county building.

Commissioner Utke stated that he would like the building committee to meet with EAPC before the next BOCC meeting to determine a plan going forward on the courthouse.

Commissioner Hagel stated that the Human Services Department at the State of ND will now be coming with the State Public Health Department.

NDSU extension presented a quote to order a new computer for the office. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel stated that she will update the goals spreadsheet.

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm.

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Becky Hagel, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners