

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 18th, 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, 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 22nd, 2021 special meeting, and the May 4th, 2021 regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

31860	701 WASH	180.00
31861	AARON DEVEREAUX	34.05
31862	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	31.65
31863	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	525.28
31864	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
31865	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	492.66
31866	BLM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	24.00
31867	BRAD SOLBERG	186.90
31868	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	264.00
31869	BREMER BANK, N.A.	35.00
31870	BRISS OIL COMPANY	237.70
31871	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	270.75
31872	C & J OIL COMPANY	750.07
31873	COREAN SWART	293.44
31874	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	294.44
31875	EIDE	698.05
31876	ESRI INC	700.00
31877	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	47,890.00
31878	FLASH	72.25
31879	GALL'S	33.38
31880	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	793.35
31881	JUSTIN JOHNSON	87.31
31882	KELLY THOMAS	206.00
31883	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. GEN.	160.00
31884	LEAF	74.80
31885	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	370.16
31886	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	197.00
31887	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	299.13
31888	NACVSO	350.00
31889	NAPA AUTO PARTS	93.57
31890	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	35.00
31891	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	10,571.40
31892	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	40.00
31893	NICKOLAS OSTER	140.00
31894	OFFICE DEPOT	211.78
31895	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	450.00
31896	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	10,000.00
31897	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	2,828.48
31898	PATRIOT FUELS	32.50
31899	PHARMCHEM INC	57.10
31900	QUADIENT FINANCE	500.00
31901	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	172.80
31902	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	672.00
31903	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	350.00
31904	SLEEP INN & SUITES	345.60
31905	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,250.00
31906	SYNCB/AMAZON	446.51
31907	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	132.00

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

Solberg presented a bill for Moore Engineering, where the BOCC has already agreed to pay 25% of. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to pay 25% of the Moore Engineering bill to the Foster County Rural Water Board, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, mentioned to the BOCC that there has been 0.4 inches of rain since the last meeting. Monson stated that the road crew has reclaimed about 125 miles of roadside with disc reclaimer. The NDDOT opened bids for the North Bordulac road project. The winning bid was from Ashtech with a bid of \$205,769.70. The engineers estimate was \$260,600. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the winning bid, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson stated that Scherbinki's will be taking unloaded trucks on the dump ground highway for a project. Commissioner Utke made a motion to make Scherbinki's pay for any break ups on the County Highway that they are hauling on, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Estabrook Township Supervisor Pat Copenhaver approached the BOCC about fixing a soft spot along the fireside road. Copenhaver stated that that the county would owe around \$950. Commissioner Scanson stated that all townships have roads that have soft spots. No decisions were made to fix the spot.

Auditor Solberg presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the BOCC for Eddy County. This MOU covers a major disaster in either of the two counties. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to sign the MOU seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tax Equalization Director Evans approached the BOCC about the Sidwell Contract. She stated that it would cost \$120/hour with a max of \$3600/year. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the Sidwell Contract, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans also mentioned that the Board of Equalization meeting will be on June 2nd.

Commissioners Utke and Scanson along with auditor Solberg met with Chris Thomas of EAPC. Thomas stated that the elevators life expectancy is probably 25-30 years and to replace would be \$100,000-\$120,000. Thomas mentioned that the lower-level floor is the biggest concern as it is a hazard for people who walk down there. His advice was to plan this year for a project next year with the hopes of construction costs lowering. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to have EAPC develop a quote for a master plan of the Lower Level, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel brought up about indigent burials in Foster County. Foster County only pays \$1800 while Eddy and Wells pay \$2400. This money is all paid for by the State of ND. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to pay \$2400 for an indigent burial, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel brought a BCBS Carrington Foundation Grant to the BOCC. This grant is for \$1300 and will cover the cost of an additional picnic table at the park. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson asked Auditor Solberg if Longview Township has sent in their contract. Solberg stated that they had not yet. Scanson asked to have a response before the next BOCC meeting. Commissioner Hagel stated that she will update the goals spreadsheet.

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting at 5:39pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Becky Hagel, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners