

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 2nd, 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 Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner Scott Beumer. Also, present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, 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 October 19th, 2021, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

32639	AARON DEVEREAUX	29.12
32640	BECKY HAGEL	181.64
32641	BRIGID GLENNEN	45.00
32642	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	158.51
32643	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
32644	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	102.04
32645	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	180.00
32646	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
32647	COREAN SWART	203.70
32648	CRAIG WIESZ	19.99
32649	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	110.75
32650	DJ'S HOME CENTER	97.00
32651	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	45.00
32652	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	7,712.57
32653	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	548.04
32654	GERRELLS	349.90
32655	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	45.00
32656	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	357.45
32657	JEROME PAGE	250.00
32658	KENT HEWITT	250.00
32659	LEAF	149.60
32660	NATHAN KRUSE	175.00
32661	NDPHA	75.00
32662	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	300.00
32663	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	465.00
32664	QUILL CORPORATION	122.15
32665	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	5,322.54
32666	ROSENAU EQUIPMENT COMPANY	427.78
32667	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	266.58
32668	SIDWELL COMPANY	579.00
32669	SYNCB/AMAZON	41.25
32670	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	1,913.66

Commissioner Scanson asked to add tree planting at Juanita Lake Park to the agenda. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Gravel Pit

Nothing new to report

ARPA Funds

Larrabee Township received a quote for the new septic system at the School House Café. The low quote was from J&R Dirtworks for \$20,125.98. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to cover the cost of the \$20,125.98 with ARPA Funds, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated one blade received 4 new tires. Monson stated they are done durapatching for the season as well. Monson had estimated that the cost to paint stripes on the road would cost \$27,082.88 and it ended up \$25,647.14.

Monson spoke on some gravel for Birtsell Township. This gravel would be on a county share road. The gravel would be on 1.5 miles on West end of Barlow Pavement, or Sec 5-8 and Sec 6-7 @ 200yards/mile with a total cost of \$4,425. This cost would be split between Birtsell Township and Foster County at 50%. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve \$4,425 for gravel on the location, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson presented two quotes for two recovery heaters in the Foster County Vehicle Storage Building. The two quotes were:

Larsen Plumbing-\$13,930

Schultz Plumbing-\$11,470.93

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve using Schultz Plumbing to install the two recovery heaters for no more than \$11,470.93, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel, presented a trailer storage contract to the BOCC. The contracted rate is for \$100/month with snow plowing included. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg stated funding for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employee Paid Leave Rights ended on December 31st, 2021, and that the current Foster County Policy had stated:

Employees that are isolated or quarantined because of the COVID-19 will be paid their regular working hours wages during the time that they are not at work. Absences will not be charged against the employee's accrued Vacation or Sick Leave balances. Using guidelines established by Foster County Public Health and/or the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), the county in consultation with medical providers will confirm, approve, and document the need for an employee to be isolated or quarantined

Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to remove the Foster County Coronavirus (COVID-19) policy effective November 2nd, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented 2020 and 2021 share road expenses to the BOCC. 2020 ended up costing Foster County \$116,279.81 and currently in 2021 totaled up to 67,808.88. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to set the total discount amount at \$72,000 split based on the approved Township Road Maintenance Discount Plan, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. The discussion was that the amount was too low. Roll Call vote was had:

Commissioner Beumer-n

Commissioner Scanson-y

Commissioner Hagel-n

Commissioner Utke-n

Commissioner Copenhagen-n

With a 1-4 vote the motion failed.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to set the total discount amount to \$85,000 split based on the approved Township Road Maintenance Discount Allocation plan, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote was had, and all voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson was contacted by the Foster County Soil Conservation about planting shrubs around the Juanita Lake Park. Scanson stated that they needed to know soon so they could add it to their order for next year. Scanson stated that he would get prices from the Foster County Soil Conservation and bring it back to the next meeting for discussion

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:58pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Becky Hagel, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners