

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 7th, 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 November 16th, 2021, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. 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.

32773	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	373.12
32774	AMBER KRUSE	140.00
32775	AMERA-CHEM, INC.	109.45
32776	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	480.29
32777	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	328.47
32778	BLUE 360 MEDIA	149.73
32779	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	389.15
32780	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	129.95
32781	CENTRAL CITY H20+	105.00
32782	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	257.99
32783	COMPUTER EXPRESS	176.00
32784	D & E SUPPLY	367.52
32785	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	85.92
32786	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	110.75
32787	DAVID UTKE	120.96
32788	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	710.31
32789	HIGH PLAINS TECHNOLOGY INC.	619.00
32790	IAAO	225.00
32791	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,606.10
32792	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS	1,477.82
32793	J.O.B. WELDING & REPAIR	240.00
32794	JUSTIN JOHNSON	77.47
32795	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCE. CEN.	1,785.00
32796	LEAF	74.80
32797	LISA D HILBERT	140.00
32798	NAPA AUTO PARTS	26.98
32799	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	450.00
32800	ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,650.00
32801	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	5.00
32802	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	40.00
32803	NEXUS PLANNING & CONSULTING	8,500.00
32804	OFFICE DEPOT	217.16
32805	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	530.00
32806	QUALITY INN	864.00
32807	QUILL CORPORATION	224.56
32808	RACHEL STOKES	262.50
32809	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	420.56
32810	SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	6,809.00
32811	SYNCB/AMAZON	297.07
32812	THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	19.60
32813	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4,122.16
32814	USPS	100.00
32815	VISTAPRINT NETHERLANDS B.V.	48.14
32816	WILLIAM J GALE	372.62

Commissioner Hagel asked to add sick leave policy to the agenda. 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, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated since the last meeting there had been .06" of rain and 6" of snow. Monson provided a quote to the BOCC for NUVO 3405 Crack Seal Material from MidStates.

2022-10 pallets of Material-Cost is \$15,698. Per Pallet price: \$1569.80

Individual Pallet Price-\$1,729.90

Monson stated that they only need 3 pallets of material. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to purchase 3 pallets at \$1,729.90/pallet, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering, approached the BOCC about House Bill 1505. The BOCC looked at recommendations on what projects to spend the money on. Rivinius also went over traffic counts with the BOCC. Stated that the BOCC needed to decide what roads they want the traffic counts on and inform him so he can inform the NDDOT.

McHenry Township approached the BOCC with a Share Road Funding Application. Foster County's share would be \$1,716. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the Share Road Funding Application, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Florence Township approached the BOCC with a Share Road Funding Application. Foster County's share would be \$7,428. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the Share Road Funding Application, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Estabrook Township approached the BOCC with a Share Road Funding Application. Foster County's share would be \$310. With no invoice present, Commissioner Hagel asked Estabrook Township to provide one at the next meeting for approval.

Auditor Solberg presented a Beer/Liquor License from Bordulac Bar and Grill. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg mentioned to the BOCC that Foster County will be leaving Verizon to join AT&T for mobile service.

States Attorney Kara Brinster approached the BOCC about the Opioid Settlement. Three of the companies have reached a settlement. Brinster recommended that the BOCC stick with the national settlement. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to stick with the national settlement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Hilbert approached the BOCC about the NRG Annual Contract for the Cloud Server. The contract amount is \$40/month. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the NRG Annual Contract, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Hilbert also mentioned a free app that could be used to share local public health information. The BOCC wanted to have Commissioner Utke and Auditor Solberg watch a presentation on the app before making a final decision.

Sheriff Justin Johnson approached the BOCC about increasing the rates for the PT Deputies that handle courtroom security. Auditor Solberg stated that the wage is currently on the salary scale and would require a salary scale change to make this work. The BOCC asked Johnson to ask other Sheriff's in the State to see how they handle courtroom security.

Rosehill Township approached the BOCC with a Share Road Funding Application. Foster County's share would be \$249. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the Share Road Funding Application, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to have each Commissioner keep their current committee/board appointments for the 2022 year except for adding resident Joan Copenhaver to the Human Service board to replace Commissioner Scanson, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Copenhaver as the Chairman for 2022, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC to look into the current sick leave policy. Currently it states:

Unused sick leave benefits will be allowed to accumulate up to 240 hours. To reward employees who stay healthy, the County agrees that once the limit of 240 hours has been reached, employees will be eligible to trade any accrued sick leave above the 240 hours at a rate of 24 hours of sick leave for 8 hours of additional vacation (vacation hours cannot exceed 240 with transfer of sick hours). Because sick leave benefits are intended to provide income protection in the event of an actual illness or injury, unused sick leave benefits cannot be used for any other paid or unpaid absence. Upon time of termination of employment or retirement, an employee will not be compensated for accrued sick leave.

Commissioner Hagel would like to have the transfer of sick to vacation removed. The BOCC will look into this further.

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

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Becky Hagel, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners