

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 5th, 2022

At 3:30 pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Scott Beumer, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also, present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County States Attorney Kara Brinster, Wes Miller, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33445	AARON DEVEREAUX	43.29
33446	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	331.18
33447	AMBER KRUSE	10.50
33448	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
33449	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	295.76
33450	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	95.18
33451	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	117.95
33452	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	833.39
33453	C & J OIL COMPANY	16,195.12
33454	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	1,407.50
33455	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	371.16
33456	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	29.50
33457	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	25.98
33458	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,315.00
33459	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	132.12
33460	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	116.25
33461	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	942.39
33462	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	730.41
33463	DOCU SHRED INC	168.63
33464	DOUG ZINK	1,575.00
33465	DRY DOCK SPORTS	1,849.93
33466	EASTMAN TOWNSHIP	602.00
33467	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	850.00
33468	FLORENCE TOWNSHIP	7,428.00
33469	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	597.50
33470	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	424.35
33471	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	7.00
33472	JEREMIAH BLAHNA	1,987.50
33473	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	487.79
33474	LISA D HILBERT	21.00
33475	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	77.19
33476	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	1,445.96
33477	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	425.00
33478	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	40.00
33479	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	10,698.43
33480	NEXUS PLANNING & CONSULTING	8,500.00
33481	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	322.00
33482	NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	58.00
33483	OFFICE DEPOT	534.09
33484	PATRIOT FUELS	112.94
33485	PHARMCHEM INC	627.70
33486	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	509.80
33487	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	11,999.06
33488	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	3,075.00
33489	SYNCB/AMAZON	48.28
33490	THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	11.40
33491	UNIFORM CENTER	73.99
33492	USPS	352.50
33493	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	2,160.00
33494	WILLIAM J GALE	382.59

Auditor Solberg requested to have the Township Annual Agreements added to the agenda. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Hagel stated that the letter that the BOCC sent to the Supreme Court helped, as the Supreme Court is keeping the judgeship in the Southeast Judicial District.

Commissioner Scanson and NDSU Extension Agent Jeff Gale have received 10 replies of people interested in having a spot in the Community Garden. Scanson asked the BOCC if they would allow Justin Cook from Arrowwood to come in and take samples from the ground to determine the soil types. The cost would be \$240. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the soil samples for the community garden area north of the Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Utke. 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 that Load Restriction signs were put up March 18th. Monson said that the wings are off the blades, sand and plow have been removed from the dually and truck 1. Monson mentioned that they have started crack sealing and durapatching but are waiting for the frost to come out before they start to blade roads.

Wes Miller approached the BOCC about putting a culvert and approach on the North Bordulac Road. Miller also asked if the culvert could be a plastic one. Miller then requested to purchase 100-150 yards of fill from the County Gravel Pit. Commissioner Utke made a motion to allow Miller to install the approach and culvert to meet the specs of the other approaches and culverts along the county highway, but with no fill from the County Gravel Pit, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented 17 signed Township Annual Agreements to the BOCC. Solberg stated that Foster County did not receive a signed agreement from 1 township. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to sign the 17 returned agreements, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson made a motion to send a certified letter to Longview Township stating that they have failed to return the agreement so now will be charged \$125/hour for blading and will not receive their Township Maintenance Discount Allocation., seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans approached the BOCC with an abatement for Thad Rosenau for \$4,094.05. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the abatement less the discount, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All vote aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented the Burn Ban from EM Devereaux. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the burn ban during times of Very High, Extreme and Red Flag warning fire index, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Solberg then presented the Clerk of Court contract. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the clerk of court contract, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson stated that at the NDSU Advisory Committee Meeting that Extension Agent Gale is trying to find interest for a community garden. The BOCC stated that they are OK with Gale continuing his search for interest and will discuss allowing use of land north of Courthouse.

Commissioner Hagel reminded all commissioners to do the survey that has been sent out by the NDACo.

Auditor Solberg wanted to clear something up on the Ambulance Building water heater and furnace quotes. Solberg stated that Schultz Plumbing was more expensive as they were going to be moving some duct work around with their quote. Solberg stated that he did not think that Schultz was trying to overcharge Foster County on the quote. The two quotes had some different work being completed that is what caused the large difference in pricing.

Commissioner Utke and Auditor Solberg presented some information on FirstNet. Utke stated that they are looking into getting 4 new devices for the Road Department, along with push to talk functionality. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 devices @ \$45.77 monthly fee with push to talk functionality, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:14pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners