

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 21st, 2022

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7th, 2022, regular meeting with two changes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

33809	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	810.09
33810	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
33811	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	109.00
33812	BRISS OIL COMPANY	76.00
33813	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	908.10
33814	C & J OIL COMPANY	13,021.26
33815	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	166.80
33816	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	112.50
33817	COMPUTER EXPRESS	3,760.99
33818	DIANNE HERTEL	182.47
33819	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	3,284.00
33820	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	862.03
33821	HIGH PLAINS EQUIPMENT	30,014.00
33822	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,003.95
33823	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	5,477.50
33824	LISA D HILBERT	28.00
33825	NAPA AUTO PARTS	56.95
33826	NEUMILLER SMALL ENGINE & REPAIR	269.18
33827	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	620.00
33828	OK TIRE STORE	356.33
33829	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	1,035.00
33830	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	8,415.00
33831	PATRIOT FUELS	125.06
33832	PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
33833	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,000.00
33834	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
33835	QUILL CORPORATION	89.97
33836	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	6,073.24
33837	SIDWELL COMPANY	227.50
33838	STREET COP TRAINING	225.00
33839	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	1,800.00
33840	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	49,216.95
33841	UNIFORM CENTER	20.00

Commissioner Hagel made one change to the agenda with removal of role of deputy under Sheriff Johnson's discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

Commissioner Hagel will discuss with the personnel committee about applicants and will be reaching out to Daniel with NEXUS about terms of a contract.

Commissioner Utke addressed at the last regular commission meeting to send a copy of the approved minutes indicating what the BOCC is clarifying with townships. Commissioner Utke made a motion to send a copy of the June 7th minutes to township chairman and clerks indicating that the BOCC tried to clarify culvert responsibility, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. 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 has been a few minor repairs to equipment. There has been 3.5 inches of rain so far in June. There are repairs needed on the Glenfield shop that Monson and his crew will work on as time allows.

The state received the Bridge project application. If approved, it would be one hundred percent covered. There are still a few roads closed due to washouts but getting better. Chipping on the Barlow Road and Dump ground Road was completed on June 13th and looks great. One hundred percent of the McHenry highway washout will be covered, with the exception of paving and ditch cleanout. This is largely thanks to Mike Rivinius with Wold Engineering. The Road Department only had one paving estimate for the McHenry Highway from Tri-State for \$16,500.00. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept the paving estimate from Tri-State, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed. The Road Department will start moving tops of highways on July 11th. Ads have been placed in the paper for June 20th and 27th.

Sheriff Johnson approached the BOCC about moving the new part time deputy, Bennett Sauve, from the first step on Grade 11 to the fifth step as he has years of experience. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to offer the PT deputy Grade 11, step five, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, brought four grants to the BOCC for approval. The first grant was for the Local Public Health Unit Tobacco Prevention and Control Program for \$44,598.00. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The second grant is for increasing immunization rates for \$1,527.00. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The third grant is for PHEP – Health Alert Network for \$1,050.00/month. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The final grant is for PHEP – EPR all hazards allocation for \$2,770.00. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Aaron Devereaux, Emergency Manager, approached the BOCC with a memorandum of understanding for 911 Dispatch services that goes into effect July 1, 2023. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have Chairman sign the memo, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, asked the BOCC to grant the new Deputy Auditor access to bank signature cards and to get her signed up with the payroll portion of online banking. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to get the Deputy Auditor on the signature cards and a bank fob, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. There was also a gaming site authorization brought in for the Wrestling Club to game at Crossroads Golf Course. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the gaming site authorization, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the BOCC about an assessing agreement with the City of Carrington. The agreement would be for the years 2023-2024. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to increase the contract to \$15,000 per year, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC will look at billing of townships and the three small cities within the county for assessing services. Evans also brought a contract for Vanguard to get Rachel Stokes, administrative assistant, set up in the system with the correct modules. Commissioner Utke made a motion to sign the contract and agree to pay the amount of \$7,150.00 for the update, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call included: Commissioner Beumer: aye, Commissioner Hagel: aye, Commissioner Copenhaver: aye, Commissioner Scanson: aye, and Commissioner Utke: aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel discussed NDPHIT plan, she is looking at changes possibly for the year 2023. Discussion was had on the ambulance building and looking at how to best move forward in all parties' best interest. The Commissioners and Road Department have phones set up for county use. Interim Auditor Roundy will look at getting charging blocks for the phones. Nothing new to report for Committee reports. The BOCC will continue to work on their reoccurring calendar.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners