

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 18th, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, 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 October 6th, 2022, regular meeting with two changes seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

34400	ALAN SCANSON	201.25
34401	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	238.89
34402	AMKOTA LLC	864.00
34403	AVID HAWK, LLC	135.00
34404	BECKY HAGEL	181.25
34405	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	290.40
34406	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	552.22
34407	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	59.63
34408	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	625.39
34409	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
34410	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	67.55
34411	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	4,625.28
34412	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	9,937.95
34413	ELLEN ROUNDY	57.88
34414	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	2,760.00
34415	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	1,881.83
34416	HOLCIM - MWR, INC.	2,406.09
34417	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	989.35
34418	LEEVEER'S FOODS	35.32
34419	MERLE OR EUNICE MUNSON	700.00
34420	NAPA AUTO PARTS	17.49
34421	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	35.00
34422	NDAAO	175.00
34423	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	100.00
34424	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	9,057.86
34425	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	1,636.84
34426	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,000.00
34427	RACHEL STOKES	198.75
34428	STREET CRIMES	450.00
34429	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	21,715.50
34430	WILHELM CHEVROLET BUICK GMC	305.01

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit. Commissioner Utke touched on the Emergency Manager position. The BOCC needs to keep up on the grants and items that may be of benefit to the county. Commissioner Hagel spoke with the state multi hazard mitigation department on getting some information for grants that will become available this next spring. Hagel also stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would need to be done in order to work with NEXUS. Commissioner Utke will work on a list to identify the top needs for Foster County with the county's current situation of still looking for an Emergency Manager. No new updates on Commission Policy Updates.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. The payloaders are in Devils Lake for repairs. The department has been out thirty-eight times durapatching. All billing has been completed for the McHenry washout and will be sent off for reimbursement. Monson will plan to meet with townships on Wednesday, November 16th to go over snow routes and any questions that they may have. The BOCC discussed if changes need to be made to the contract to do so before then. Snow removal at the Public Health building will be completed by the Road Department and Building Maintenance.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, brought the Juanita Park License Renewal to the BOCC to be discussed. Commissioner Utke will find out what the current rate is, and they will work with Roundy to get the renewal sent off. Roundy also presented the board with a raffle permit for the Carrington Youth Baseball and Softball program.

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

Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with an update on the Foster County Radio Tower. There is maintenance that may need to be done. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve to have maintenance work completed on the tower, not to exceed seven-hundred dollars, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. If more work is needed than anticipated, Commissioner Utke will update the board. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

Motion passed. Commissioner Hagel stated that she would like the BOCC to send a memo out to all county employees on the importance of timely reporting on injuries and work-related accidents. States Attorney Kara Brinster stated that the current policy reads “A supervisor can institute a drug or alcohol test on the grounds of reasonable suspicion of drug or alcohol usage. Following a reportable accident while on the job, the employee may be asked to undergo testing.” Brinster would like to see the word MAY changed to SHALL. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to update the Foster County Policy with the change of the word of may to shall, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC with information from EAPC on the building projects. The mechanical and electrical walk through went well. The Road Department storage building should be reviewed by a Structural Engineer. Overall, they are still sitting good on the timeline and should have a review with the group in a few weeks to go over the specs and plans. No update on the Ambulance building. Commissioner Copenhaver stated that one person is leaving Council for Aging so they will be looking to fill one spot to represent the McHenry area. Discussion was had on radios and getting them updated in a timely manner and it is becoming an issue for many entities across the state.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:36pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners