

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 1st, 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 Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, 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 18th, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. 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.

34450	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	156.42
34451	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	126.32
34452	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	10.38
34453	COMPUTER EXPRESS	139.00
34454	COREAN SWART	208.19
34455	CRAIG WIESZ	74.38
34456	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	75.64
34457	DANIELLE KOEPPLIN	59.64
34458	DIANNE HERTEL	198.25
34459	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	1,209.88
34460	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	150.70
34461	GLASS AND SCREEN REPAIR	337.20
34462	JUSTIN JOHNSON	1,669.23
34463	KENT HEWITT	500.00
34464	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,735.00
34465	NICKOLAS OSTER	18.55
34466	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	1,266.64
34467	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	125.00
34468	QUILL CORPORATION	348.33
34469	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	259.20
34470	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	48.28
34471	SEACHANGE PRINTING & MARKETING SERVICES, LLC	394.00
34472	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	1,641.00
34473	THOMAS VOGLEWEDE	225.00
34474	UNITED STATES TREASURY	1,635.90
34475	WILLIAM J GALE	88.75
34476	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	1,608.00

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit. Commissioner Utke is working on organizing duties that need to be completed for the Emergency Manager position. The BOCC touched on potential grants becoming available and not wanting to miss out on any opportunities. Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with an update on the wording to the culvert policy in the road maintenance agreement. He provided the discount allocation dollar amounts from last year. The township meetings will be held on November 16th in the Commissioner Room.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. The department will go out one more time durapatching making it 42 times for the year. They are prepped and ready to go for when snow arrives and will switch their hours to winter hours beginning November 7th. Monson provided a five-year contract for a skid steer. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

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

Motion passed. Monson noticed rocks in an easement and a snow fence in an easement. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to send a letter to the landowners to remove the items in the easement immediately, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was brought to the BOCC to perform preliminary engineering and affiliated services for a project that the county will receive Federal funds on. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the drafted RFP and to place in the newspaper, seconded by

Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson asked the BOCC if Gilbertson's could use the scraper and cleanout the ditch on 'Lake Road'. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have Gilbertson's do the work, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Foster County residents Clinton Sherman, Jim Sherman and Shaunette Koenig approached the BOCC regarding the speed limit on 66th Ave NE. Koenig spoke on working from home she sees the traffic and the safety concern of the dust that is produced with the high speeds. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to reduce the speed limit from 55 MPH to 35 MPH from the north entrance of the pasta plant all the way to the north to Raymond Johnson's/School bus sign, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Commissioner Utke had some concerns including the State's Attorney in the discussion to make sure that no precedent is set. Commissioner Scanson recommended for the dust control spraying a dust suppressant. The residents responded that they have been doing this and it does help for a while. Commissioner Hagel asked if there would be an expectation for more patrolling in the area, as the Sheriff's Department may not be able to consistently designate a deputy. The residents understood that and had no expectation for an increase in patrol. Commissioner Utke stated that their point has been made, a motion was made, but would like to discuss with the State's Attorney. Commissioner Scanson stated that it may not change the decision, it may just change the wording. With no further discussion Commissioner Copenhaver asked those in favor state aye, with one Commissioner responding aye, the remaining four stated nay, motion failed.

Commissioner Utke updated the board with tower maintenance. Jamestown Communications has been to the tower and two of the batteries need to be replaced. They are working on getting replacements and will install them. Commissioner Hagel asked the BOCC to review the inclement weather policy as winter is right around the corner. The policy states that the Chairman will make the decision. She would like to remind the BOCC that a later start time is a good initial decision. Sheriff Justin Johnson joined the meeting. The BOCC asked if he is usually in the decision process for inclement weather. Johnson stated that Road Superintendent Monson has better knowledge of what is going on outside of the city in the county, but that he is willing to help if needed. Commissioner Hagel would like to continue to see the Chairman make the decision based on the discretion of Monson and Johnson. Interim Auditor Roundy stated the Courthouse needs a new door security system. She is still waiting on one more quote from electro watchman and will update the BOCC at the next meeting. Commissioner Copenhaver asked the BOCC their thoughts on sharing a deputy with surrounding counties to help patrol truck weights. Johnson stated he would be for that and feels it would be better all around for one county to host the deputy and for Foster County to contract with that county vs. all counties sharing one deputy. Commissioner Utke contacted EAPC for an update on the building projects. He stated he has not received a response but that the county is still on schedule for the initial timeline. Commissioner Utke also stated that an ambulance meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7th and will provided an update to the BOCC at the next commissioner meeting. Commissioner Copenhaver attended a South-Central Human Service meeting; all is going well. Commissioner Hagel attended a Central Prairie Social Services meeting. There currently is an opening for an eligibility worker in the Foster County office. The director asked Becky to provide an update to when any building projects may interfere with their offices.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners