

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 20th, 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, States Attorney Kara Brinster, Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, 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 December 8th, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. 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.

34720	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
34721	BRISS OIL COMPANY	285.30
34722	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	241.48
34723	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	176.25
34724	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	7,030.50
34725	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
34726	FOSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL	5,000.00
34727	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	409.12
34728	HAILEY BACHMEIER	85.00
34729	LISA D HILBERT	208.00
34730	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	1,059.27
34731	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	396.85
34732	OK TIRE STORE	67.50
34733	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
34734	QUALITY INN	529.20
34735	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	21.50
34736	TONY'S REPAIR	1,401.72

Commissioner Hagel requested to add grant for bridges under the Road Department discussion. Commissioner Utke requested to add road signs under the Road Department discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit. Commissioner Hagel stated they have an interview set up for the Emergency Manager position. Depending on the applicant, they could still look at splitting out the grant writing portion of the position.

New Business

Commissioner Copenhaver presented the BOCC with updates for the Road Department. There are repairs that need to be made to Truck #4 and Truck #5, both trucks are at the shop. Building repairs are needed for the Grace City and Glenfield Shop. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve repair work for the Grace City and Glenfield Shop, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Snow total for December 12th through December 20th was twenty-seven inches. Commissioner discussion was had on a newer plow for the Road Department. When purchased from the state, the trucks are usually fifteen to twenty years old. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to allow Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, permission to look into costs of a newer plow truck, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel stated that there could be some grant money available for infrastructure. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to allow Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering, permission to work on the next major projects the county will have, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke has sent information to the Foster County Planning and Zoning board to install signs at the major entrances to the county for building permits. If approved by the planning and zoning board, the BOCC would have to make a decision on it. Commissioner Utke stated that the road department worked as quickly as they could under the conditions to remove snow. If any residents have questions or concerns, they should reach out to the BOCC as the road department follows the policy that is put in place by the BOCC. Monson listed a thank you to all those that have helped during and after the past storm and to the Foster County residents that are understanding of the work that goes into clearing the roads during a blizzard.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, approached the BOCC with an Environmental Health Contract with Central Valley Health. This is the same contract as before, with the exception of increased costs per person. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to sign 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. Hilbert presented the BOCC with an extension of the Covid-19 grant. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert presented a SAPCG agreement. This is primarily alcohol funding through NDDHS with an extension of the funding. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with two liquor license approvals. One for Crossroads Golf Course for Beer, Wine, and Liquor and one for Cows & Co. Creamery for Beer and Wine. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve both licenses, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy gave an update for the unsold property from the delinquent tax sale. It will stay on the tax roll until paid or someone decides to purchase the property. Roundy presented a payment to the City of Carrington for previous Road levy payments not submitted. Prior payments were made for years 2009, 2010, 2014 and 2015. The total amount due for the City of Carrington for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 is \$4,312.52. The 2011, 2012 and 2013 total for the City of Grace City is: \$134.51 City of Glenfield: \$90.93 and City of McHenry: \$49.09. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to send payment to the City of Carrington, and the three smaller cities, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver asked if the BOCC could look at the Club Hall Road. Commissioner Scanson stated this would fall under the work that Michael Rivinius is working on for the county. The BOCC looked at a few changes to the fee schedule and will reassess at the special meeting at the end of the year. The BOCC decided to table the water board position. There is nothing new to report for the Foster County tower maintenance. No new business for the door security system. EAPC is aware of the potential for upgrades to the door system and will have someone from their team look into the wiring. Commissioner Utke has spoken with EAPC for the building project, they are hoping to set up a video meeting soon to be able to start working on bids. EAPC is aware of concerns to the old shop in Carrington and the Public Health building but are focusing on wrapping up what is needed for the basement of the courthouse. Commissioner Utke stated the ambulance building would like the BOCC to come up with an agreement for them to take to corporate on responsibilities of the two parties. The next ambulance building meeting will be on January 9th, Commissioner Utke would like to see the BOCC have something put together by then. Commissioner Hagel stated price for the flooring in the south room of the ambulance building is \$4,625.56 and the office/shower floors is \$1,289.47 for a total of \$5,915.03. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the purchase of flooring to be completed in 2022 with labor to start in 2023, 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. No new business for committee reports. Commissioner Utke presented the BOCC with a reoccurring calendar. He reviewed minutes from the last five years and compiled a list to help the BOCC. The BOCC will review and approve at a later date.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:48pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Patrick Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners