

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting and December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Commissioner Hagel has one change to the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

34805	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	307.99
34806	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	116.21
34807	C & J OIL COMPANY	8,487.00
34808	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	88.00
34809	CENTRAL CITY H20+	57.00
34810	CMF	139.60
34811	DENNIS HOFMANN	357.50
34812	FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD.	270.00
34813	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	1,645.03
34814	HIGH PLAINS TECHNOLOGY INC.	619.00
34815	NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASS'N.	71.00
34816	ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOCIATION	100.00
34817	ND COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION	100.00
34818	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	1.43
34819	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	449.00
34820	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	7,439.50
34821	WILLIAM J GALE	173.58

Commissioner Copenhaver 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 Hagel stated that they are interviewing two candidates for the Emergency Manager position. She asked the board to keep in mind an RFP for the grant writing portion of the position. Neither applicant lives in Foster County so the BOCC would look at doing a telecommute agreement. Commissioner Copenhaver asked about the RAISE grant and motioned for Commissioner Hagel to reach out to Michael Rivinius on the status of Foster County's priority list, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Through the end of 2022 snow totaled to be sixty-nine inches. There have been some repairs done on Monson's truck and it's back in service. The Road Department is working on plowed graveled roads winging back snow and cleaning corners. Pushbacks are being done throughout the county with the help of Kevin Carr, Jeremiah Blahna, John Murphy Jr. and Gilbertson's. Monson will provide the BOCC with a breakdown of blade hours and miles with a six-year summary included. Monson also updated the BOCC with a slight change to the route that the road department will take when moving snow. They will clean out Grace City and do the four miles of gravel to connect to the highway, regardless of if it should be done first or second in the rotation. The Road Department is also noticing pushbacks in the shoulder throughout the county and townships that are causing difficulties for the crew when they are out moving snow. Commissioner Utke brought up the section in the general provisions of the Road Department that discusses obstructions in the roadway. Commissioner Hagel motioned to have that section of the Road Department provisions placed in the newspaper and ran on the radio to put residents on notice, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with a snow removal policy update. He also is working with AT&T and First Net to help route and filter calls that the Road Department takes. Commissioner Hagel motioned to allow Commissioner Utke to work with Monson on the policy and phone call routing, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, approached the BOCC with a State Opioid Response Contract. This is the same contract they've had in the past with updated dates. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve and sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel updated the board with a GIS service contract with NDACo. This has been budgeted for and will help the county with addressing and mapping. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the Joint Powers

Agreement, sign, and submit to NDACo to start the process, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel discussed the various members on boards throughout the county. Discussion was had on the term dates and how to proceed. Commissioner Utke motion to have Commissioner Hagel and Interim Auditor Roundy work on sending letters to those with expired terms if they'd like to continue to serve on these boards, seconded by commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke stated that the only individual that has shown interest in the vacant Water Board position is Alex Stedman and moved to appoint him to the Water Board, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. No update for the Foster County Tower. The BOCC had discussion on the door security and how to best proceed. Commissioner Utke has contacted EAPC and was waiting to hear back from their electrical engineer on the wiring for the door system. Commissioner Utke also stated that EAPC should have construction documents updated by the end of the week. The BOCC agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in the Commissioner Room if EAPC provides the documents to discuss via Teams. Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with a proposed agreement with revisions on duties for the landlord and tenants at the ambulance building. Commissioner Hagel attended a Human Service meeting. They have hired a new eligibility worker that will be onsite in Foster County. No other committee reports provided.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Interim Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners