

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 7th, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, 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.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for January 17th, 2023, regular meeting, January 19th, 2023, special meeting, January 20th, 2023, special meeting and February 1st, 2023 special meeting. Commissioner Utke had one change to the February 1st, 2023, minutes and Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve all the minutes with the change, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. 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.

34977	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	25.88
34978	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	2,274.81
34979	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	6.48
34980	BECKY HAGEL	45.00
34981	BERTS TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD INC	171.80
34982	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	236.19
34983	BRIGID GLENNEN	45.00
34984	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	139.06
34985	C & J OIL COMPANY	11,098.44
34986	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	582.97
34987	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	99.27
34988	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	92.00
34989	CMF	2,000.40
34990	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,508.97
34991	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,377.99
34992	CRAIG WIESZ	9.17
34993	D&E SUPPLY COMPANY	23.29
34994	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	104.20
34995	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	2,938.82
34996	DR. JAY BAUER	45.00
34997	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	45.00
34998	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	14,252.70
34999	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,560.74
35000	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	688.30
35001	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	45.00
35002	JACQUI NELSON, PAC	45.00
35003	JUSTIN JOHNSON	119.88
35004	KEVIN K BAHM	129.99
35005	MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	18,498.17
35006	NAPA AUTO PARTS	320.83
35007	NAPA AUTO PARTS	13.29
35008	NATHAN MONSON	48.75
35009	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	620.50
35010	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & TRIBAL VSO	170.00
35011	ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	100.00
35012	ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
35013	ND SACCHO	500.00
35014	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	10,869.44
35015	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	2,651.71
35016	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	162.71
35017	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	370.00
35018	PATRIOT FUELS	52.84
35019	PIPESTEM ALCOHOL & DRUG NETWORK	105.00
35020	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	696.68
35021	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	1,869.44
35022	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	445.69
35023	SHERMAN PLUMBING & HEATING	425.00
35024	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	750.00
35025	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	10,100.00

35026	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,175.00
35027	TONY'S REPAIR	509.99
35028	USPS	114.00
35029	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	1,100.00
35030	WILLIAM J GALE	48.47

Commissioner Utke asked to add Water Manager Handbook under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. There has been little snowfall with wind being the biggest factor in road conditions. Monson asked for approval to set the date and time for bid opening for work to be completed on McHenry highway. Commissioner Beumer motioned to set the bid opening date and time for March 7th at 2:00 PM in the commissioner room, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Road Department received two pallets of crack seal material. Discussion was had on how to advertise and promote the open equipment operator position the Road Department has.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, presented a lease for the printer/copy machine at public health. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the lease, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert stated the Board of Health main contacts during the transition period will be Dr. Bauer and Holly Ziemann. The BOCC and BOH will more than likely have meetings to work through items of public health becoming a district.

Justin Johnson, Foster County Sheriff, informed the BOCC that the Ford F150 vehicle he had ordered for their office was cancelled. He worked with Bessette's and received an estimate for a Chevrolet pickup. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the change from the original Ford F150 to a Chevrolet, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, presented the BOCC with two raffle permits. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve the raffle permits for Caring-ton preschool and for FFA, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy asked to designate Danielle Koeplin as the Superintendent of Schools for Foster County. There is an Attorney General opinion that creates a conflict of interest to have the auditor be the superintendent of schools. Roundy spoke with NDACo Executive Director, Aaron Birst, and there is a bill that would eliminate this, but, to designate someone in the meantime. The BOCC will also have designate five individuals to be on the school re-organization board. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to designate Danielle Koeplin the Superintendent of Schools, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy asked to clarify that there will need to be a transition period from Public Health breaking away from the county and becoming their own district. There are some funds that need to be cleaned up and other financial items that need to be tied up. Commissioner Utke spoke on the building for public health and that they will need to come with an agreement, and it will take some time. The BOH was able to negotiate terms to keep Hilbert as the Administrator. The new EM, Darlene Thomas, asked about reimbursement for travel time and mileage. Roundy spoke with State's Attorney Kara Brinster, and Chuck Horter, NDACo HR Coordinator. Horter recommended if travel to the county was only going to be once or twice a month to look at reimbursing her time. Brinster stated that the IRS is clear on the mileage reimbursement and that Carrington is considered her "home" for work, however, her time could be reimbursed. There is enough of a distinction with the EM position and other positions within the county to justify it. The county was having trouble filling the position so had to expand their search. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned that due to the difficulty filling the position and the distinction between the EM and other positions in the county to approve to reimburse travel time to the county when necessary, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Arrowwood has a propane tank lease for the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve Chairman Scanson to sign the lease, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Roundy presented the BOCC with the NDDOT Project BRC-BRS-0099(008) Bridge inspection/load rating certification. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve signing the certification, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney, asked the BOCC to motion to approve to join the opioid settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to join the settlement group, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC if they would like a physical copy of the Water Manager Handbook. The board agreed it would be good to have a physical copy and a copy with the States Attorney and Auditor. Commissioner Utke motioned to purchase seven copies of the Water Manager Handbook, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Beumer motioned to appoint Commissioner Becky Hagel to the Central Prairie Zone Board, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy stated that they did not receive the security grant for the door system. She is

working on getting quotes from two other businesses and will update the BOCC once received. Commissioner Utke stated that two addendums on the drawings have been sent out. These are not changes but specifications to the drawings. Commissioner Utke has spoken with EAPC and their involvement with the State Historical Society. EAPC has contacted the State Historical Society and is in a good position to work with them as an EAPC employee is on the State Historical Society board. EAPC will continue to work with the county and the State Historical Society on the project. Commissioner Utke met with the ambulance board, they are working with the corporate level on the proposed agreement. Commissioner Scanson is going to look into the history of the ambulance building. Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC that Darin Anderson resigned from SIRN 20/20 and is the new director for the state radio. Commissioner Utke may try and get a meeting here in the next few months. The BOCC went over items for February and March on their calendar.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:39pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners