

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 9th, 2023

At 8:30 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy and Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster.

Interim Auditor Roundy updated the BOCC that Foster County has two AA Felony murder cases charged since September 2022. Both cases are being actively prosecuted with trial preparations. The Attorney General's Office, who normally aids in these situations, is currently understaffed and unable to provide additional resources at this time. The current State's Attorney position is part time and not staffed to handle these major criminal cases simultaneously. The Foster County State's Attorney has reached out to former Pembina County State's Attorney, Rebecca Flanders, for assistance. Brinster stated she would work thirty-two hours a week and we would offer her six thousand a month in wages. This position would not be benefited as it is not a regularly funded position and under limited duration. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the States Attorney to hire the temporary help for her office, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call voted included:

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

motion passed.

Roundy presented the BOCC with a bill from Jerome and Ryan Zink for flooring installation at the ambulance building. If paid by February 17th, there would be a discount. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve paying Jerome \$2,100.00 and Ryan \$2,125.00 for the flooring installation, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

The Auditors Office is working through catching up on delinquent payments and cleaning up funds that should've been phased out in 2016. The Dickey County Auditor uses the same software program and has been helpful with providing information and assistance when needed and has offered to come up for a day or two to work through cleaning up the funds. Roundy asked the BOCC if we would be willing to pay for her mileage as she is doing Foster County a favor. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the Dickey County Auditor to travel to Foster County if needed and to reimburse what is necessary, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Commissioner Utke stated they do not want to step on any toes and would want to make sure that their BOCC is aware of her time helping. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners