

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 7th, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included 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, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Wold Engineering Vice President Michael Rivinius.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the February 21st, 2023, regular meeting and March 3rd, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Hagel had two changes and motioned to approve the minutes with the changes seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with lost check affidavits for Alan Scanson, Nick Oster and Thomas Vogleweide. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bills including the lost check affidavits, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

35137	ALAN SCANSON	201.25
35138	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	224.95
35139	ANDREW S. MARQUART	153.00
35140	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,690.00
35141	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	190.52
35142	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	895.77
35143	C & J OIL COMPANY	12,107.39
35144	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	662.58
35145	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
35146	CRAIG WIESZ	11.14
35147	DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	104.20
35148	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	625.74
35149	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	9,214.79
35150	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	1,090.00
35151	EVERBRIDGE, INC DBA NIXLE	3,000.00
35152	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,353.92
35153	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	170.18
35154	JUSTIN JOHNSON	190.67
35155	LEAF	128.00
35156	MELANIE G HESCH	45.24
35157	ND SHERIFF'S & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION	400.00
35158	NICKOLAS OSTER	18.55
35159	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	280.00
35160	PATRIOT FUELS	281.37
35161	RICK'S WHOLESALE TIRE INC.	38.00
35162	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	191.87
35163	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,625.00
35164	THOMAS VOGLEWEDE	74.00
35165	UNIFORM CENTER	186.99
35166	WILLIAM J GALE	150.00
35167	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	7,807.50

Commissioner Utke asked to add Public Health Transition under commissioner discussion. Roundy asked to add a gaming site authorization to the agenda. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. 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. The Road Department has put a total of 13,000 miles on the plows this winter. Repairs to the blade and cutting edges have been made, all being minor. Monson rented a crack sealer and will plan to use it for 55 hours this year. Load restrictions are coming up and the BOCC should consider when they would like to discuss. Michael Rivinius updated the BOCC with bid information for the McHenry Highway. A total of five bids were received:

- Bituminous Paving, Inc. \$3,311,561.24
- Border States Paving, Inc. \$2,559,225.05
- Central Specialties, Inc. \$2,760,191.75
- Mayo Construction Company, Inc. \$2,614,653.00
- Strata Corporation \$3,143,507.70

The engineering estimated \$2,585,000.00. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to accept the low bid from Border States Paving, Inc. for \$2,559,225.05, seconded by Commissioner Utke. The County will plan to use funds from Prairie dog, HB 1505 and Farm to Market to cover the expenses. If there is short comings they will proceed with a decision at that time. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Rivinius also discussed the five-year plan with the BOCC. There are forty-two miles throughout the county that need to have an overlay or widening and an overlay. Rivinius also stated that he received a letter from game and fish inquiring about installing a fishing area or canoe launch where the Wright bridge will be removed. Rivinius will reach out to game and fish to provide more details to the BOCC.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented tablet information to the BOCC. The IT coordinator was unable to attend the meeting so they will table this until he is able to provide information. Roundy asked for board approval to appoint Tom Erdmann to the South Central Regional Council Loan Committee. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to appoint Erdmann to the South Central Regional Council Loan Committee, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy asked for approval to be the designation of Entity Administrator for the System Award Management (SAM). The County is required to have a SAM number to bid on and get paid for federal contracts or to receive federal funds. The county has a SAM number, but administrative information has not been updated for many years. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approved Roundy as the entity administrator for SAM, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy asked for approval for a raffle permit for Circle Trail Riders, Inc. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the permit, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy provided a Gaming Site Authorization for Rice-Deed Post 205 American Legion for gaming at the Bordulac Bar. The fee has not yet been received for the authorization. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the gaming site authorizing but to hold off sending the paperwork in until the fee is received, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Justin Johnson, Foster County Sheriff, approached the BOCC with an estimate from Midstate Wireless on equipment for the new squad vehicle. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve Johnson to order the materials needed for the new squad vehicle for \$9,758.85, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Johnson also discussed the option to increase the department spending limit on budgeted items from \$1,000. He did ask the surrounding counties and as long as the item(s) are budgeted for, they do not need to approach their respective boards with additional approval. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to move the spending limit for the Sheriff's office to \$12,000, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Discussion was had. All voted nay and the motion was denied. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the pre-approval amount to \$2,000, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, updated the BOCC with progress from the Foster County Planning and Zoning board. She asked for approval for the current board members and terms.

Tom Erdmann	At Large from City of Carrington	2 year term (2024)
Jason Wolsky	At Large from City of Carrington	2-year term (2024)
Alan Scanson	County Commissioner	Year of term of office
Cash Biel	At Large District 1	4-year term (2026)
Piet Van Bedaf	At Large District 2	3-year term (2025)
Justin Topp	At Large District 2	1-year term (2023)
Jon Johnson	At Large District 3	4-year term (2026)
Jason Jarrett	At Large District 4	3-year term (2025)
Cameron Roundy	At Large District 5	1-year term (2023)

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the Planning and Zoning Board members, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Two building permits were presented that were approved that morning at the Planning and Zoning meeting, one for Jerry and Jackie Nicholson and one for Joe and Angela Bolonchuk. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the building permits, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Planning and Zoning Board had no opposition and no comments to placing building permit signs throughout the county. The Planning and Zoning Board approved a Road access permit fee for \$50.00 and a Fee for failure to obtain a permit for \$50.00. Discussion was had on road speed limits with no additional action taken. Evans updated the BOCC on the subdivision regulations. They will continue to research the issue. The BOCC was informed that the city holds jurisdiction on speed limits for an additional mile outside of city limits. A complaint was brought up for junk accumulation on a property in Barlow. State law requires that vehicles must be operational and licensed if not inside of a building.

Commissioner Scanson provided legislative updates on bills pertaining to Townships. No update on the door security system. Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC that no bids were received for the basement remodel project. Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Scanson and Interim Auditor Roundy had visited with EAPC on the next steps on the project. They will plan to bid the project out again in June or July for a fall/winter start date. They are hoping this will attract contractors for interior work in the winter. Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with an update on the ambulance building. They are working together to come up with an agreement that works for all parties involved. Commissioner Scanson attended an NDSU extension advisory meeting, he asked that they provided the county employees and officials with the monthly events they have planned as they do a lot for the county. Commissioner Hagel stated that Human Services has interviewed for the open eligibility position in Foster

County. She has not heard if Public Health has had any applicants for the open RN position. Commissioner Utke read off items for the reoccurring calendar. Discussion was had on the transition with Public Health. State's Attorney Kara Brinster stated that they will need to come up with a contract or lease similar to the ambulance building for the Public Health building. The county owns and will continue to own that building until another option is presented.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Interim Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners