

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 21<sup>st</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.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with two lost check affidavits for Cassie Ness. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the bills including the lost check affidavits, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

35192	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
35193	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	221.02
35194	CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	2,547.75
35195	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
35196	DAN BECKER	750.00
35197	DAVID UTKE	191.75
35198	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	2,545.13
35199	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	877.35
35200	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	531.69
35201	LEEVEER'S FOODS	6.95
35202	NAPA AUTO PARTS	470.59
35203	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	140.00
35204	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,000.00
35205	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
35206	RESIDENCE INN	264.60
35207	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	5,000.00
35208	CASSIE NESS	50.00
35209	CASSIE NESS	31.05

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Utke. 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 have been maintenance repairs on the trucks. Snow total for the winter season is up to 105". Monson wanted to thank the residents of Foster County that have been helping with snow removal. It is a long hard job pushing snow and without help from others many roads would not be opened. Chairman Scanson and Monson will determine when to put load restrictions on. Discussion was similar to when the state puts on, but they will decide what is best for our area.

Doug Zink and Brent Bachmeier, Foster County Water Board, approached the BOCC regarding Senate Bill 2372. Zink wanted to make the BOCC aware of the bill and what the repercussions were if it passed. Commissioner Utke plans to attend a meeting in Cooperstown regarding the joint waterboards.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to publish for encroachment in the newspaper for the next two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Legislative discussion was had on bills relevant to Foster County. Commissioner Utke motioned to authorize Chairman Scanson to send a letter to legislatures for shortfalls associated with snow removal costs, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Kara Brinster, States Attorney, updated the BOCC about House Bill 1213 and asked for support in do not pass from the BOCC. Roundy has received one more quote for door security and is waiting for the final one to come in. Commissioner Utke stated that the surface of the dome will need to be repainted in 2023. He has contacted EAPC, and they will give a proposal to write the specs and will also include information for the old shop building. Commissioner Hagel discussed HB1046 regarding indirect costs from the Human Service Zone. There is potential to receive additional funding with new wording added to the bill if the remodel of the basement is done. Commissioner Utke motioned to operate under the existing lease for the Ambulance building pending the potential revision of a new lease agreement, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC discussed updates from their committees. Commissioner Scanson stated that we will have to look at putting a ballot question for NDSU extension on next year, along with a ballot question for the road department. There will be a school land annexation public hearing on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30 PM at the Courthouse. Discussion was had for reimbursements to members. Per NDCC 15.1-10-01 subpart 4 the reimbursement rate is stated for members and that is what Foster County will follow. Commissioner Hagel motioned to appoint the Auditor, Clerk of Court, Foster County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Building Maintenance, Sheriff and Emergency Manager to the safety committee. The committee will review the safety policy and provide any updates

to be approved by the BOCC by September of 2023, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:04pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Interim Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners