

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 2nd, 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 Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, and Foster County Independent Reporter Abby Wobbema.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the April 18th, 2023, regular meeting, April 20th, 2023, special meeting and April 25th, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Hagel had three changes to the April 18th, 2023, minutes and made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	144.80
ANDREW S. MARQUART	198.00
AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	259.97
BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	382.00
BECKY HAGEL	45.00
BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	82.06
BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	19,487.50
BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	580.88
CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	18,780.52
CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	409.90
CENTRAL CITY H20+	40.50
CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	75.00
COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES - DEVILS LAKE (1356)	176.40
COREAN SWART	257.78
CRAIG WIESZ	7.86
CUSTER HEALTH	380.00
DAKOTA DUST-TEX INC	104.20
DR. JAY BAUER	112.50
DR. JAY BAUER	45.00
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES, INC.	528.00
FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	21,120.00
FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	648.44
HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	45.00
JEREMIAH BLAHNA	16,781.25
JUSTIN JOHNSON	471.77
KARA BRINSTER	172.92
LEAF	155.00
LLOYDS MOTORS	553.98
M&C PLUMBING AND HEATING	629.00
MELANIE G HESCH	52.40
NATHAN KRUSE	56.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	84.81
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	16,750.28
NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	70.00
NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	1,212.60
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	10,869.44
NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	3,160.00
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	4,700.00
OK TIRE STORE	188.67
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RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	4,980.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	884.00
VILLIAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,500.00

Commissioner Utke asked to add NDACO Legislation to the agenda under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, 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, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated there have been a few minor repairs to equipment. The road department has started blading roads and there are currently a few roads closed due to water over the road. Estabrook township has two miles closed, Rosehill township has roads closed on Carrington and Kelly Creek, and County-Clark/Hart Bridge is closed. Load restrictions are still on. The road department has durapatched four times hitting 61 spots in the county. The road department has currently moved to 4–10-hour days.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor, presented the BOCC with Snow Assistance spreadsheets that were emailed to Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief for state funding snow assistance. Bachmeier stated that Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, Ellen Roundy, Auditor, and herself have been working extra hours to get all the proper documentation to be entered into the spreadsheets. 13 Townships also provided documentation. The next deadline for season wide snow removal that occurred between October 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023, will have to be submitted no later than May 31, 2023.

Commissioner Utke approached the BOCC to recommend the board to sell the mower that was used at Juanita Lake to the Foster County Fair Board for \$1.00. Kyle Schroeder, Fair Board Member, also requested the BOCC sell the fair board the mower for \$1.00, and in the fall the Fair Board and BOCC can meet to discuss if they need to change the agreement. Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney stated the BOCC doesn't need to sell the mower because it is one public entity to another public entity and Foster County can transfer the mower to the Fair Board. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to transfer the mower to the Foster County Fair Board, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke provided information to the BOCC on the Multi-hazard mitigation plan. Commissioner Utke stated Darlene Thomas, Foster County Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator had sent an email to Daniel Schwartz, at Nexus Planning and Consulting, LCC about receiving copies of the mitigation plan. Schwartz had stated he would be sending out a printed and digital copy. Commissioner Utke stated Jeff Golz, Juanita Lake groundkeeper was using his own personal weed wacker at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke recommended the BOCC to purchase Golz a trimmer for Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke had two options: one trimmer cost \$220 and the second trimmer cost \$300. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to buy Golz the \$300 trimmer for usage at Juanita Lake, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

motioned passed. Commissioner Utke provided legislative updates. No update on door security. Commissioner Utke talked to Chris Thomas, EAPC Construction Specialist/Office Manager and Thomas stated EAPC will no longer need to stop at Public Health for the roof. They have all the information needed to give an analysis by the end of next week. EAPC engineers will be at Foster County Friday, May 5th, 2023, to gather information for the Concrete Masonry Unit, also known as the Old Highway Shop. The next step will be a meeting to discuss the recommendations on repair with a budget and complete scope of work. Commissioner Hagel provided information about the records located in the vaults in the basement of the courthouse. Commissioner Hagel contacted the State Archive, and they emailed Ellen Roundy, Auditor, a list of the records they will take. Commissioner Utke provided information on the ambulance building update. Commissioner Utke stated the ambulance board had finalized the agreement and sent it off to CHI Corporate and they are waiting for a response. Commissioner Copenhaver provided information about the Council of aging meeting. One individual has resigned from the board. The board is currently looking for an individual to fill that position. Commissioner Copenhaver also stated the Council of Aging received a bus from the state. Commissioner Utke stated the next LEPC meeting will be held June 1, 2023, and will be a tabletop exercise that will be conducted by Darlene Thomas and Jason Wolsky. Commissioner Utke read off items for the reoccurring calendar. The reoccurring calendar showed in May of 2020, the BOCC approved the use of ND State Radio for 911 Dispatch. Following the calendar, Commissioner Beumer made a motion to use ND State Radio for 911 Dispatch, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.

Hailey Bachmeier
Foster County Deputy Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners