

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 20th, 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 Kara Brinster Foster County State's Attorney, Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 6th, 2023, regular meeting and June 7th, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

35688	ALTHEA S BRANDT	150.76
35689	ASHLEY BRANDT-DUDA	25.00
35690	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
35691	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	176.41
35692	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,339.00
35693	DAVID UTKE	180.78
35694	DR. JAY BAUER	45.00
35695	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	756.00
35696	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	1,388.00
35697	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	45.00
35698	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,052.85
35699	JOHN BRANDT	25.00
35700	JUSTIN JOHNSON	205.83
35701	LEAF	91.72
35702	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	3,082.55
35703	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	70.00
35704	OK TIRE STORE	124.50
35705	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	1,840.00
35706	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	1,372.00
35707	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,000.00
35708	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
35709	RACHEL STOKES	175.50
35710	REBECCA FLANDERS	83.84
35711	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	481.54
35712	SIDWELL COMPANY	840.00

Commissioner Utke asked to add Tablets under commissioner discussion and Commissioner Scanson asked to add Question for State's Attorney under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

The BOCC came to a consensus to sell the gravel pit. It will be a sealed bid with the two highest bids going forward. Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney said she will get the sealed bid notice for the paper written up by August 1, 2023 for the sale to be at the end of August 2023. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to list the gravel pit as a sealed bid with the two highest bids going forward, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated no maintenance was being done at this time. Since June 6th, 2023, there has been .27 inches of rain. The Clark/Hart Bridge has been open since June 15th, and it will need a couple more loads of gravel on it. Estabrook still has 2 roads closed with 4 caution signs on the roads. Since June 8th, 2023, the road department has durapatched 82 times. Monson stated on Monday, June 12, and Monday, June 19, the road department had patched gravel spots with the skid steer on McHenry highway. Monson stated Wold Engineering marked spots on McHenry Highway, and a pre-meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 at 10:00am. Border States hot mixed patched the Club Hall Highway on Friday, June 9th. Monson approached the BOCC for approval to add gravel on 11th St N, the FAS gravel road north of Grace City. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to allow the Road Department to add gravel on 11th St N, the FAS gravel road north of Grace City, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote:

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

motion passed.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor approached the BOCC with a participation count of Foster County employees that would be interested in the CPR training that would be offered through a grant that Foster County received. Bachmeier stated she will let Darlene Thomas; Foster County Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator know that Foster County has enough participants to move forward with the CPR training. Bachmeier stated Foster County has received their first payment for Early Season Snow Removal. Foster County received \$110,388.84, and all other townships who submitted for the Snow Removal Assistance received anywhere from \$1,000-\$2,000 dollars.

Holly Zieman, Board of Health member approached the BOCC requesting that Public Health remain on CEG under Foster County. Zieman provided an email from Mike Wolf, CEG Underwriting & Loss Control manager that stated if PH were to separate from the CEG under Foster County, they would lose all their safety training, lose all availability for being available to answer questions as they arrive on injuries or safety related issues, lose all availability for organic services, lose the loss of claims management services which results in no-one to manage claims when injuries occur causing an extreme spike in premium cost. The main concern for the BOCC is if Public Health stays with CEG under Foster County how will it affect Foster County's rates. Commissioner Hagel stated if a Public Health employee were to get injured on the job it would affect Foster County's Rates. The main concern is liability. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to keep Foster County Public Health District under Foster County's CEG for the end of calendar year 2024, allowing Foster County Public Health District to figure out how to have their own claim manager and how to be properly trained, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Colleen Sweet, Foster County Public Health District employee approached the BOCC with a request for transfer of funds. Sweet stated the new building fund had funds put into wrong fund 2300 for \$10,700 and requested the transfer for funds to be put in correct fund 2955. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve transfer of funds of \$10,700 from 2300 to 2955, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote:

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

motion passed.

Sweet, stated Tobacco grant monies received from 2009-2023 had funds put into the wrong fund-accounts of 2946-3450 in the amount \$36,352.89, 2955-3450 in the amount of \$9282.68, 2955-3441 in the amount of \$1775.63, and 2956-3351 in the amount of \$5103.43 and is requesting to transfer the total amount of \$52,514.43 to be put into the correct grant fund 2956-3450. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to transfer \$52,514.63 breakdown from the different grant funds they were put into to be transferred to the correct grant fund 2956-3450, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote:

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

motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC if they were still interested in getting tablets. Commissioner Beumer said it would be nice to eliminate paper. Bachmeier stated she will reach out to Jamie Nelson with Computer Express to see if he can demonstrate some different tablets to the BOCC. Commissioner Scanson had a question for Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney regarding a penalty difference for a yield sign and a stop sign. Brinster stated the fine would be more for a stop sign than a yield sign. There was a concern at an intersection at the end of the four miles of gravel north of Grace City. Currently there is a yield sign before the intersection and Commissioners had discussion if they should change it to a stop sign or add a blind intersection sign. Commissioner Beumer stated if the intersection connects to a highway, it should be a stop sign. Commissioner Scanson stated he was going to check the other signage at the intersection and provide information at the next meeting. Commissioner Utke stated Commissioner Scanson and himself are working on signage wording for the signage needed out at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke stated they will be ordering signs from Neuman Signs in Jamestown, ND. On June 13, 2023, Commissioner Scanson, Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Hagel, and Deputy Auditor Bachmeier attended the Central Dakota Six County Organization Meeting in Ashley, ND. Commissioner Hagel informed the BOCC the Caucus meetings will be prior to the conferences because regions don't match the six county meetings. Commissioner Hagel stated the NDACo Annual Conference will no longer be contracting with a hotel, and there will be no buses. The theme for the conference this year will be County All-Stars. The NDACo Annual Conference will be October 8-10, 2023. Commissioner Utke approached the BOCC with an assessment provided by EAPC for the old shop building. Commissioner Utke suggested the BOCC take a close look at the assessment provided and if there are any questions or concerns the BOCC can contact Timothy Gustafson, Professional Engineer at EAPC. Discussion was had on items for the BOCC to look at in July.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm.

Hailey Bachmeier
Foster County Deputy Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners