

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 5th, 2024

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner Alan Scanson. Also present was Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County State’s Attorney Kara Brinster, and Foster County Independent reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the February 20th, 2024, regular meeting. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

36824	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	181.72
36825	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	353.76
36826	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
36827	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	104.74
36828	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,415.37
36829	C & J OIL COMPANY	2,548.85
36830	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	125.00
36831	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
36832	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,249.00
36833	CRAIG WIESZ	53.60
36834	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	120.56
36835	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	636.70
36836	ELLEN ROUNDY	60.30
36837	FARMERS UNION INSURANCE	141.00
36838	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,015.19
36839	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	246.30
36840	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	81.48
36841	MELANIE G HESCH	18.76
36842	ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
36843	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	4,741.35
36844	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	322.99
36845	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	124.52
36846	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	12,100.00
36847	PATRIOT FUELS	131.96
36848	R. M. STOUTD	2,068.84
36849	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	128.42
36850	SIDWELL COMPANY	1,440.00
36851	WILLIAM J GALE	230.69
36852	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	30,661.98

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. A few maintenance items on equipment have been fixed. Since the last meeting there has been 10” snow and the department is currently working on crack sealing and durapatching roads.

Auditor/Treasurer, Ellen Roundy, presented the BOCC with a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Stutsman County for Emergency Management/911 services. Commissioner Beumer motioned to sign and move forward with the JPA, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Roundy noted that they could move up the next BOCC meeting so the Commissioners could attend the Summit in Bismarck on March 19th. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to move the next regular meeting time up from 3:30 pm to 1:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. Construction is moving right along in the basement. They have done the mock-up for electrical and are working on duct work information to provide to the HVAC contractor. Discussion included interior options and when phase two will begin.

Commissioner Utke provided an update on LoadPass. They plan to have a meeting via phone to see if it is something that can be worked out. A storage unit lease agreement was presented for the shop that is housing documents from the basement. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Commissioner Hagel abstained from the vote, all others voted aye, and the motion passed. Discussion included what will need to be levied for under the road department. A special meeting will be held on Friday, March 15th at 1:00 PM to discuss the road mill levy question. Commissioner Hagel presented an agreement for the municipal court to move to the district court. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to move forward with the agreement to have the municipal court come to district court seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. There was nothing new to report for the lots by Juanita Lake. Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster, presented the draft amendment for the BOCC on the ambulance building. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve and have Chairman Utke sign, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke noted that the BOCC publishes the right of way encroachment notice. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to publish the notice in the first two weeks of April, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners