

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2nd, 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, Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Foster County Independent reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the March 19th, 2024, regular meeting. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Discussion was had on the election bill and general roofing and construction bill. All voted aye and the motion passed.

36907	ALAN SCANSON	223.00
36908	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	994.81
36909	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
36910	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	253.89
36911	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
36912	COMPUTER EXPRESS	115.00
36913	COREAN SWART	57.00
36914	CRAIG WIESZ	38.86
36915	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	2,537.13
36916	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	330.18
36917	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,448.71
36918	GENERAL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION	252,000.00
36919	HUDSON ENVELOPES OF NEW JERSEY	385.64
36920	KARPEL SOLUTIONS	12,000.00
36921	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	257.28
36922	NACVSO	400.00
36923	NAPA AUTO PARTS	290.68
36924	ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	150.00
36925	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	447.51
36926	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	155.00
36927	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY-BISMARCK	7,312.64
36928	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	6,654.13
36929	WILLIAM J GALE	247.90
36930	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	13,259.40

Commissioner Beumer asked to add Karen Evans, Tax Director, to the agenda to review the changes in valuations for the city of Carrington. Commissioner motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was nothing new to report for the empty lots by Juanita Lake.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. During the August 1st, 2023, BOCC meeting, the BOCC had approved moving the aluminum box from the 1983 truck to one of the new plow trucks. After further discussion, Commissioner Scanson motioned to not put the aluminum box on the truck seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson has spoken to Garrison regarding overweight loads on county roads. Garrison will plan to meet with their contractors prior to meeting with the BOCC. Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster, cited NDCC 39-12-11-13. Any vehicle found to have been moved or used upon any highway, street, or road in this state at a weight exceeding the limitations as specified in any order, ordinance, or resolution issued under section 39-12-03, exceeding the limitations imposed by 39-12-05.3, or as limited by section 39-12-05 may be impounded by any peace officer and taken to a warehouse or garage for storage.

The BOCC reviewed bids received for the CP-1602(024) chip seal project. Two bids were received. Morris Sealcoat & Trucking bid \$331,485 and Asphalt Surface and Technologies Corp. bid \$341,787.95. Commissioner Beumer motioned to award project CP-1602(024), a chip seal project located 1.5 north of Grace City, thence east 9 miles in Foster County, to the low bidder Morris Sealcoat and trucking for \$331,485.00 and authorize the appropriate County Officials to sign the construction contract, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. Due to the weather Thomas was unable to travel onsite last week. Commissioner Hagel plans to meet with EAPC to review finishes in the bathroom and offices. Thomas notes

that progress is moving along nicely. Leo Straley, General Roofing and Construction communicated with Thomas that the time, cost, and labor it would take to strip down old doors from the sheriff's house they can order and stain new. The consensus was to go that route. Commissioner Utke visited multiple hardware establishments to look at shelving. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve purchasing four storage racks for the south vault from Menards for \$350.00 apiece, 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.

Auditor/Treasurer, Ellen Roundy, asked for the annual review and approval of summer hours for Foster County. Commissioner Scanson motioned, seconded by Commissioner Beumer, to approve summer hours at the courthouse effective May 6th, 2024, going through Labor Day. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented options for door security. The previous EM had submitted a homeland security grant; however, it was coded incorrectly, therefore, only approving a portion of the costs. Roundy had spoken with NDDDES to see if they could split the project up between two different grant cycles and it didn't sound like that was an option. The county could also let the grant go and apply again this spring, but that wouldn't guarantee award of any future grant. The BOCC has tabled door security as they would like to run it by Stutsman County EM, Andrew Kirking, who will potentially be assisting with Foster County's EM services. Roundy presented a gaming site authorization form for Rice-Diede at Bordulac Bar. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the form, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented information for value changes within the City of Carrington. Five-hundred ninety-four letters of increase were mailed out to residents. Vanguard meets with Evans to review all information is complete and compliant with the State. The current sale ratio was 84% and it is required to be between 90% to 100%. Vacant lot sales indicated that the land value in the City of Carrington was not where it should be and was increased from \$200/front foot to \$250/front foot. This adjustment did not bring the sale ratio into compliance therefore, an increase was made to every residential structure that varied across the board. These increases do not necessarily indicate an increase in property tax but are required to comply.

Commissioner Hagel was unaware when working on the lease for the storage unit, that the tenant must fill the propane tank upon termination of the lease, which is standard practice for most rentals. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the amendment to the storage unit lease indicating the County will fill the propane tank upon termination, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Commissioner Utke noted that an LEPC meeting has been scheduled for April 10th, 2024, 3:00PM at the Carrington Fire Hall. The only topic on the agenda is SORN 20/20. Discussion was had on the Commissioner Summit that the BOCC attended. Commissioner Utke noted that the burn ban is reviewed in the spring. Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster will review prior to the next BOCC meeting. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy will send a letter to the NDHP requesting assistance on weight enforcement in Foster County. Discussion was had on conducting a special meeting with Brinster in attendance for the Garrison Diversion project and oversized loads on roads. No date or time was set.

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