

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 18th, 2024

At 3:30pm, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy and Foster County Independent reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 4th, 2024, regular meeting, June 5th, 2024, Public Hearing and June 13th Special Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve all minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. 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.

37248	701 WASH	200.00
37249	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	404.18
37250	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
37251	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	322.64
37252	BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONS	3,139.96
37253	BECKY HAGEL	20.40
37254	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	349.00
37255	BRISS OIL COMPANY	72.00
37256	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	190.52
37257	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	552.18
37258	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES	288.90
37259	CMF	520.93
37260	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,139.00
37261	D & E SUPPLY	51.48
37262	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	45.07
37263	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	138.17
37264	ELLEN ROUNDY	9.99
37265	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	953.75
37266	LISA F. SCANSON	53.60
37267	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	187.50
37268	MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION	11.50
37269	NAPA AUTO PARTS	3.98
37270	NDSAA	300.00
37271	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	1,192.50
37272	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	1,640.00
37273	PATRIOT FUELS	32.65
37274	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,003.00
37275	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
37276	R. M. STOUTD	2,194.09
37277	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	1,809.96
37278	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	99.90
37279	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	399.49
37280	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
37281	TAMI L BECKLEY	88.00

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the agenda 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

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, provided bid results for reclaiming of the Club Hall Road. There were two bid options. The first bid option is to have the contractor complete the entire project. The second bid option is to have Foster County employees help with some of the blading and watering. There were five total bids received.

Contractor	Bid Amount – Option 1	Bid Amount – Option 2
Engineer Estimate	\$473,268.50	\$357,768.50
Border States Paving	\$460,291.71	\$428,875.71
Allstates Pavement Recycling & Stabilization	\$497,634.28	\$456,054.28
Close Construction Co., Inc	\$603,122.63	\$545,372.63
Central Specialties Incorporated	\$665,235.89	\$655,418.39
Strata Corporation	\$768,158.60	\$721,958.60

Border States Paving was the low bid received. Commissioner Utke brought up the potential of the property tax measure and how that could affect the mills received for next year. The start of the project would be planned for the end of summer, beginning of fall and it would cover eight miles on the Club Hall Road. Rivinius also stated that this strip of road was laid with cold mix, and he is amazed at how they are staying together for their age and how they are constructed. The consensus of the BOCC is they understand the project needs to be done or more direction given to Monson, Road Superintendent, on maintenance of the road, however, they would like to decide until the deadline for the property tax measure has passed on June 29th.

Kip Kovar and Scott Mehring approached the BOCC regarding the Garrison Pipeline project. Discussion continued on the agreement and whether or not the BOCC would allow the contractors to cut into the road or if they would require them to bore under them. Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster will send her requested changes to Kip, and he will have their legal review and update the plan. Commissioner Utke did have a concerned resident reach out regarding allowing them to cut into the best roads in Foster County. The BOCC would like to visit with Michael Rivinius on specifications if they were to allow Garrison to cut into the road. Brinster wanted to clarify that what the BOCC is discussing are currently two separate issues. Kip will reach out to Michael Rivinius to discuss the options and if needed, a special meeting can be held regarding the decision.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, emailed over an update for the basement renovation project. The installation of new water lines has started, and gas lines have been marked. The electrical is just about wrapped up, Dakota Central will be in to complete the IT work and the electrician is planning on providing temp power to the social services area as they are still waiting on parts. Carpet and countertop installations are just about completed. The tentative move in date for social services will be June 24th and then they will start working on the temporary construction walls for phase two.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, provided an update for the Road Department. The two trucks sold at Orr auction for a combined \$19,150.00. Rain totals for the month of June is 5.60". The mowing notice has been placed in the The Foster County Independent and the department was able to mow the fairgrounds except for the north end track as it was under water.

Commissioner Utke noted that the SORN/CRIB meeting was postponed from June to July so he anticipates there will be a meeting in July. No other Commissioners had committee reports. The Election Canvas board will certify Foster County Election results on Monday, June 24th, at 9:00 AM.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners