

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

At 10:01 am, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey Bachmeier, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price, Elliot Paczkowski, Michael Lipetzky, Lucas Spitzer, Clete Lipetzky, Craig Hoggarth, Bonnie Hoggarth, Kent Ableidina, Jordan Kramer, David Kramer, and Bill Lipetzky.

Commissioner Utke stated the first point of the discussion on the Club Hall Road will be that the BOCC will explain why the BOCC is at this stage with the Club Hall Road and the second point would be to hear from individuals who have questions or concerns, and the third point would be up to the BOCC if they want to proceed with voting or tabling the vote for the next Commission meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on the reclamation of the Club Hall Road. Utke presented the BOCC and residents of Foster County with a 5-year road plan from Wold Engineering that was updated in April of 2024. Utke stated that Wold Engineering said overlay is not possible to do on the Club Hall Road. Utke stated a major concern for the BOCC is 91 miles of paved highway is more than the tax base that Foster County can handle. Commissioner Copenhaver stated if we decide to grind up the Club Hall Road it would save money to keep the other paved roads maintained that we have instead of stretching the County out so thin. Commissioner Utke stated the money raised through the road department mill levy will be needed for normal maintenance and operation of the road department. These revenues are not sufficient for major projects like reconstruction, overlays, & chip sealing. State and Federal funding & grants will be needed for those major projects. Many individuals present at the BOCC special meeting expressed they would like the BOCC to table the project for another year. Commissioner Utke stated the BOCC will have to decide to either accept or deny the bid for grinding within the timeline specified.

Commissioner Hagel made a motion to table the Club Hall Road reclamation until the July 16<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke stated Juanita Lake Maintenance, Jeff Golz, will be gone for a couple of months. Utke suggested hiring someone temporary for the rest of the year to do mowing and maintenance. Two individuals were interested in the interim position. Commissioner Scanson suggested reaching out to the two individuals and asking what they were planning on charging for mowing and maintenance. The BOCC decided to table the Juanita Lake Maintenance until the next Commission meeting held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.

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Hailey K Bachmeier  
Foster County Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

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David Utke, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners