

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 10th, 2024

At 8:00 am, Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey Bachmeier, Foster County Emergency Manager Andrew Kirking and Foster County Independent Reporter Amy Wobbema. Commissioner Becky Hagel joined the meeting at 8:05 am.

Emergency Manager Andrew Kirking presented the BOCC with a Emergency Declaration for the Train Derailment that occurred on July 5th, 2024 near Bordulac, North Dakota. The incident contained 29 train cars transporting hazardous material. Kirking stated the Emergency Declaration would allow Foster County to use Emergency Funds for costs pertaining to the Trail Derailment. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to sign the Emergency Declaration, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Emergency Manager Andrew Kirking also presented the BOCC with a presentation showing a compilation of pictures and videos of the Train Derailment that the Stutsman County Drone Team put together. Kirking also informed the BOCC of the incident action plan that was for July 9th, 2024, stating workers on scene were planning on using a 1.6-million-gallon storage tank to dewater the crash site. Kirking mentioned that the county was very lucky that none of the products left the crash site. Chairman Utke commended Kirking for all his work. Kirking stated he appreciated all the support and commended the first responders and neighboring towns that have helped. Kirking said the next step is getting in contact with CP Railroad with fixing the roads that were damaged.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 8:24 am.

Hailey K Bachmeier
Foster County Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners