

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 17th, 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, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price, and Kip Kovar and Scott Mehring with Garrison Diversion.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the September 3rd, 2024, regular meeting and September 10th, 2024, Public Hearing. There were a few corrections noted and Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

37589	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	386.02
37590	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,253.47
37591	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
37592	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	621.12
37593	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	471.73
37594	BORDER STATES PAVING INC.	1,329.66
37595	BREMER BANK, N.A.	70.00
37596	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	209.42
37597	BRISS OIL COMPANY	35.00
37598	C & J OIL COMPANY	10,320.10
37599	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	86.00
37600	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	449.56
37601	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	13.50
37602	CRAIG WIESZ	50.25
37603	DAVID UTKE	110.28
37604	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	53.28
37605	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,134.15
37606	NAPA AUTO PARTS	40.75
37607	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	475.36
37608	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	155.00
37609	PATRIOT FUELS	108.56
37610	POST BOARD	45.00
37611	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,013.00
37612	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
37613	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	680.89
37614	SIDWELL COMPANY	240.00
37615	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	1,300.00
37616	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00

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

Old Business

There was no update for the lots by Juanita Lake.

Kip Kovar and Scott Mehring from Garrison Diversion approached the BOCC. No response has been received from Garrison regarding the motion from the BOCC during the September 3rd meeting. It was discussed that having a special meeting to review plans and options would be beneficial. Chairman Utke scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, October 2nd at 1:30 PM in the afternoon in the jury room on the third level of the courthouse.

New Business

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer presented the BOCC with the final 2025 budget for Foster Count. There were no requested changes from any commissioner. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the 2025 Foster County Budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. A local raffle permit was turned in on behalf of Carrington Park Board. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the permit seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented a contract for propane with Arrowwood Prairie Co-op. She spoke with Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and he recommended 650 gallons to start. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the contract with 650 gallons, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Tax Director, Karen Evans, assisted with the remaining minutes.

Road Superintendent Nate Monson had previously provided an update to the BOCC on the road department. He indicated the need for a new pressure washer and received quotes from \$3,600 to \$4,500. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the Hotsie brand pressure washer from Gilbertsons for \$3,600, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. To date there has been 26.11 inches of rain in the Carrington area. The department has installed the stop signs with additional signage warning of stop sign on road North of Grace City on 11th street. They will take docks out at Juanita Lake at the end of this month.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, called into the meeting for a building update. The second phase of the basement renovation is on track. The crews are currently working on taping, mudding and painting. Thomas presented a change order for the community room in the basement. The walls were not in as good condition as initially thought. General Roofing submitted a change order from the lumber yard to replace the wainscot in the community room for up to \$5,905. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve the replacement of wainscoting in the community room, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Commissioner Utke was invited to attend the Griggs County Commissioner meeting to discuss Foster County's plans for the McHenry to Binford highway. Commissioner Utke noted that he gave no recommendation on any future plans Foster County will do on the road as the main concern areas are in Griggs County. He did provide them with a map that Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering, provided for Foster County roads. It was noted that there will be a meeting with CP Rail on September 30th, at the Carrington Fire Hall. Foster County State's Attorney, Kara Brinster, wanted to provide additional clarification on the changing of the yield sign to a stop sign. To install a stop sign, there has to be an engineering study, or when a yield sign is already in the location, there must be reasons (low-visibility, accident prone area, high-traffic area, high-speed area, etc) to add a stop sign. Many of the reasons applied when discussion at the September 3rd, 2024, BOCC meeting so the stop sign could be installed.

With no further business, Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 4:19 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

David Utke, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners