

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 3rd, 2024

At 3:30pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner Alan Scanson via phone. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

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

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

37886	ANDREW S. MARQUART	153.00
37887	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
37888	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	168.14
37889	BERTS TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD INC	337.00
37890	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	88.12
37891	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	407.03
37892	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	902.98
37893	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	216.22
37894	KEVIN K BAHM	129.99
37895	MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	1,947.04
37896	NAPA AUTO PARTS	193.35
37897	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	1,076.10
37898	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	150.00
37899	PAT COPENHAVER	163.48
37900	POSTMASTER	120.00
37901	RACHEL STOKES	18.62
37902	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY-BISMARCK	1,063.39
37903	SIDWELL COMPANY	1,015.00
37904	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	700.00
37905	STEINS INC.	14.79
37906	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
37907	THOMAS VOGLEWEDE	180.20
37908	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	1,052.00
37909	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	4,701.14
37910	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	2,480.00
37911	WILLIAM J GALE	538.08
37912	CITY OF CARRINGTON	342.69
37913	GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT	40.00
37914	MLGC	269.91
37915	MDU COMPANY	288.03
37916	POSTMASTER	94.00

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

Old Business

There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake.

New Business

Road Superintendent, Nate Monson, provided an update to the BOCC prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy reviewed the update with the BOCC. Barnes County had placed a notice regarding snow deposited in the roadway. Commissioner Utke motioned to publish the notice two times on Foster County's behalf and place the notice on the website, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer presented a CD at Gate City up for renewal with a rate of four percent for thirteen months. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve moving forward with the CD at Gate City Bank, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Courthouse facility grant deadline is the end of the month, there are no current projects the BOCC wishes to apply for, but something to think about for next year. Bordulac Bar and Cork & Barrel have turned in their 2025 beer and liquor licenses for approval. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the two licenses, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Public Health had reached out stating they will pursue their own WSI account. Discussion included the courthouse wellness provided by the health district. Commissioner Utke motioned to discontinue the monthly wellness visits by the health district, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. Thomas had a chance to visit with contractor Leo Straley on the progress. The new community room has been carpeted with the VSO office almost completed. The goal is to

have the project completed by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. Commissioner Utke noted that the temporary construction walls are down, and the space is looking good. Commissioner Hagel asked about samples for shades and Thomas stated he would send those over.

Commissioner Discussion included approving the Key Card, Clothing, and Flextime policies. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve the policies effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy had presented the Foster County Fee schedule for the BOCC to review. Discussion included adjusting and adding in a few line items. The BOCC will review and submit any changes to the Auditor/Treasurer office prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Utke had been approached to serve on the Court Advisory Committee. No commissioners had any problems with Commissioner Utke serving on the committee. Commissioner Utke is also working on the radio reimbursements. Brent Hills, CP Rail, was unable to attend this meeting and would not have time in his schedule until probably after the first of the year. They will be doing traffic counts in Foster County next year and they will work with Monson on where to place the sensors. Additional discussion included renewing the JPA with Stutsman County and including the 911 addressing as part of that agreement. Commissioner Hagel noted that the CCEDC is looking for three members to join the board. NDSU Extension has hired Carrie Nichols as the new agent, she will begin in June of 2025. Madam Chair Hagel called a special meeting for Tuesday, December 31st at 9:00 AM to approve final bills for the year.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners