

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21st, 2025

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the January 7th, 2024. Commissioner Scanson noted one correction and motioned to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

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| 38111 | ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP | 1,346.24 |
| 38112 | AVID HAWK, LLC | 35.00 |
| 38113 | BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC. | 3,739.20 |
| 38114 | CARRINGTON MOTORS INC | 655.36 |
| 38115 | CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 98.70 |
| 38116 | COMPUTER EXPRESS | 1,220.24 |
| 38117 | COREAN SWART | 50.00 |
| 38118 | DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST | 300.00 |
| 38119 | EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS | 2,396.43 |
| 38120 | ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | 150.78 |
| 38121 | JESSICA MOSER | 61.60 |
| 38122 | KELTON ROY HAGEL | 400.00 |
| 38123 | KENT HEWITT | 100.00 |
| 38124 | KYLE BAHM | 700.00 |
| 38125 | MIDSTATES WIRELESS | 62.50 |
| 38126 | ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | 400.00 |
| 38127 | ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION | 500.00 |
| 38128 | ND LEAGUE OF CITIES | 120.00 |
| 38129 | NDSU | 8,067.74 |
| 38130 | OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL | 17,064.10 |
| 38131 | R. M. STOUTD | 295.40 |
| 38132 | RDO TRUCK CENTERS | 44.47 |
| 38133 | RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC. | 473.87 |
| 38134 | SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS | 750.00 |
| 38135 | STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR | 475.00 |
| 38136 | THOMAS VOGLEWEDE | 150.00 |
| 38137 | UNIFORM CENTER | 323.80 |

Commissioner Hagel requested to add Great Plains Housing to the agenda. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake or Culverts under old business.

New Business

Road Superintendent, Nate Monson, provided an update to the BOCC. There has been six inches of snow since the last meeting with the wind being the main cause of issues. The road north of Harmons had a bank five feet tall on the west side of the road. Monson had Jeremiah Blahna come blow that area out.

Michael Rivinius and Greg Hagen with Wold Engineering called into the meeting. Discussion was had on the process of Easements and Foster County State's Attorney will have more information for the BOCC at their next regular meeting.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, did not call into the meeting. Commissioner Hagel noted that if there are items that need to be addressed to inform the contractors so they can work on it to complete the renovation. The next building committee meeting will be on February 4th where a final walkthrough will be done.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the BOCC with two abatements. The first abatement was for Janette Ingebretson who qualified for DAV for one month in 2024 and the second abatement was for Bradley Plante who qualified for PRC but was off the list due to an error. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve both abatements, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, provided the Barnes County Correctional contract to the BOCC for prisoners. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Two local raffle permits were submitted. One for the American Legion and the second for

FFA. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve both local raffle permits, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy has been in contact with Jamie Nelson, Computer Express, regarding the server tape drives and software. The driver that completes the daily backup is failing. It is old in age and has potentially taken in some dust from the renovation project. The Auditor/Treasurer office has attempted to troubleshoot the issue with no success. Nelson recommends a Quantum tape drive bundle with NovaStar software for a total of \$7,139.95. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Roller – aye

Motion passed. Deputy Essig has submitted his resignation as deputy for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the resignation and advertise for the position, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy proposed getting a signature stamp for her office for letters that allows her deputy to use the stamp with the initial option. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the stamp, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included the appointment of board members. Commissioner Scanson motioned to appoint Commissioner Copenhagen as Vice-Chair replacing former Commissioner Beumer, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel provided an update on the Water and Weed board appointments. Jeff Edland and Ronn Stangland were up for re-appointment to the Water Board. Commissioner Hagel had contacted both individuals and they have indicated their willingness to stay on the board. Commissioner Copenhagen motioned to appoint Edland and Stangland to the Foster County Water Board for a three-year term, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel reviewed the Weed Board appointees with Road Superintendent Monson. Ethan Stangland is up for re-appointment. Commissioner Scanson motioned to appoint Stangland to the Weed Board, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel had reached out to Great Plains Housing. There is currently no Foster County Representative on the board. The BOCC consensus is to have David Klein attend the next meeting to provide additional information regarding the Great Plains Housing Board. Commissioner Hagel proposed visiting with other insurance agents in the community for NDIRF and ND Fire and Tornado and placing an ad in the paper for Foster County's agent of record. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve placing an ad accepting letters of interest to write and maintain the county's insurance coverage, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. Additional discussion included that there is no premium change, this would just be a potential change in service with agents. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC discussed visiting legislators on bills being presented at the State House and Senate. There will be a special meeting held on Monday, January 27th, 2025, at 10:00 AM for discussion on the CP Train derailment.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners