

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 4th, 2025

At 3:30pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. 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 January 21st, 2025, regular meeting and January 27th, 2025 special meeting. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the bills including check number 38145 to the NDDOT for \$10.00, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

38145	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
38159	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	274.50
38160	ANDREW S. MARQUART	288.00
38161	ANTHONY ESSIG	41.94
38162	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	266.37
38163	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	90.16
38164	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	14.97
38165	COMPUTER EXPRESS	7,118.00
38166	CRAIG WIESZ	48.30
38167	DIANNE STRALEY	53.01
38168	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	736.56
38169	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	1,043.88
38170	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	280.48
38171	KELTON ROY HAGEL	400.00
38172	NATHAN MONSON	55.40
38173	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	220.50
38174	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND TRIBAL VSO	170.00
38175	ND SHERIFF'S & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION	400.00
38176	PATRIOT FUELS	251.73
38177	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,019.30
38178	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	21.90
38179	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	46.51
38180	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	198.00
38181	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	5,000.00
38182	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
38183	THE VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,500.00
38184	USPS	120.00
38185	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	1,100.00
38186	WILLIAM J GALE	261.20

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda as it stands, seconded by Commissioner Roller. 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

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, was out of the office for meetings and provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department prior to the meeting. There were no questions or concerns.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the BOCC with a Homestead Credit application for approval. Resident Thomas Hennings qualified for Homestead credit for the tax years 2023 and 2024. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the credit, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC, joined the meeting via phone. The basement project is down to the final stages. The building committee and BOCC have completed their walkthrough and created a punch list that will be completed within the month. Discussion included how to properly ventilate between the front door and entrance and updating the fire panel. Commissioner Utke motioned to proceed with the wireless thermostat option for the front entrance at \$550.00 and updating the fire alarm panel for \$8,258.00, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, stated that the Sheriff's Office has interviewed and hired an officer from the City of Jamestown. He comes with experience in the SWAT, drug task force and many years as an officer for the City of Jamestown. The individual asked about starting with some vacation time available. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve one week's worth of vacation to the books, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy received a Flex-Funding payment to be submitted for reimbursement for work done by Wold Engineering. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve submitting the form, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Arrowood Prairie Co-op submitted a contract for a reduced fuel price. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the document for reduced fuel price, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Additional discussion included bidding out fuel for the following year. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC discussed purchasing additional furniture equipment for offices. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve purchasing two additional tables for the commissioner room, a podium for the commissioner room and a table for the Custodians office, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed. Roundy presented a transfer to the old road fund (2130) from the new road fund (2140). The last quarter state withholding and insurance payment was collected to fund 2130 and paid out of fund 2130 creating a negative balance after the year end transfers. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included committee reports. Commissioner Hagel reported that the CCEDC has completed a housing study. She stated the report was informative and the community is short on housing and short on rentals. The BOCC will start working on items for Juanita Lake for the upcoming camping season. Commissioner Utke will reach out to Daniel Schwartz regarding the counties multi-hazard mitigation plan.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners