

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 18th, 2025

At 9:00am, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included 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, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price and Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, via phone.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the February 4th, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

38244	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	2,379.58
38245	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	945.80
38246	BECKY HAGEL	27.72
38247	BRISS OIL COMPANY	78.00
38248	C & J OIL COMPANY	6,235.93
38249	CARRINGTON MOTORS INC	40.00
38250	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	3,756.63
38251	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	9,070.46
38252	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,197.75
38253	JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	510.00
38254	KARA BRINSTER	184.80
38255	MATTHEW ABERLE	64.52
38256	NAPA AUTO PARTS	656.50
38257	ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	60.00
38258	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	1,169.45
38259	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	10.00
38260	POST BOARD	45.00
38261	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	255.23
38262	SIDWELL COMPANY	227.50
38263	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	900.00
38264	THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	18.50
38265	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	20,000.00

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

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, presented a proposal from Braun Intertec for pavement evaluation on 42.4 miles of county roads. During the January 27th, 2025, special meeting, the BOCC had approved moving forward with Wold Engineering completing a road assessment. Rivinius felt that without having the pavement evaluation done, there would be no change to the assessment that was completed last year. The last time the pavement evaluation was completed was in 2017. The estimated timeline for the work would be early summer once the road has stabilized from spring thaw. The evaluation will take roughly two and half days to complete with a written report provided approximately two weeks following the completion of field work. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the proposal from Braun Intertec for pavement evaluation on the following roads:

- Grace City Road (from HWY 200 to Barlow Road) 8.9 miles
- Murphy Road (from HWY 52 to Bordulac Road South) 5.6 miles
- Barlow Road (from HWY 281 to 78th Ave NE) 10.9 miles
- Bordulac North (from HWY 200 to Barlow Road) 8 miles
- Bordulac South (From HWY 9 to HWY 200) 9 Miles

seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

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

motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, presented a local raffle permit for the Caring-ton Child Care Center.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the raffle, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the updated Stutsman/Foster Emergency Management JPA for approval.

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the JPA seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. There were four insurance agents that submitted letters of interest to be the agent of record for Foster County. The BOCC will have Commissioner Hagel and Commissioner Scanson sit down and visit with each agent and then provide an update for the board at the next regular meeting.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, approached the BOCC with a Homestead Credit application for approval. Resident Richard Myers qualifies for Homestead credit for 2022. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the abatement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans provided an update on the state parcel program and redaction option. Counties send data to the ND State parcel program and Foster County is currently one of five that requires redaction of information that is considered public. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve submitting data and opting out of the redaction process, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Additional discussion included if a resident has a question or concern, they can reach out to Evans. She will work with the Auditor/Treasurer office to get something posted on the website. Foster County State's Attorney also noted that emergency personnel's information must be redacted. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included committee reports. Commissioner Utke reached out to Stutsman/Foster EM Jessica Moser regarding the multi-hazard mitigation plan. Moser responded promptly stating that she and her assistant were in training and working on a grant to get funding to develop the plan. Roundy stated that she reached out to the local ambulance regarding the requirements to become a district. Commissioner Utke noted that a meeting needs to be held between Carrington and McHenry ambulance services to get the boundary straightened out. There will be a special meeting held on February 25th at 8:00 AM to review the flood plain ordinance. Additional discussion included legislative bills going through the house and senate.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners