

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price and resident Kyle Schroeder.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

38704	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	759.00
38705	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	278.43
38706	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	966.40
38707	BOOTE SEPTIC SOLUTIONS	125.00
38708	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	104.71
38709	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	297.39
38710	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	238.91
38711	COMPUTER EXPRESS	5,950.90
38712	DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST	375.00
38713	ELLEN ROUNDY	86.00
38714	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	892.24
38715	HAILEY BACHMEIER	62.30
38716	HR COLLABORATIVE	100.00
38717	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	34.65
38718	JOSEPH GUSHWA	198.00
38719	KELTON ROY HAGEL	400.00
38720	MATTHEW ABERLE	108.00
38721	NAPA AUTO PARTS	184.37
38722	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	421.88
38723	QUILL CORPORATION	85.87
38724	R. M. STOUTD	126.55
38725	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	60.00
38726	SIG SAUER, INC.	1,254.78
38727	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	1,450.00
38728	USPS	120.00
38729	WILLIAM J GALE	256.90

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

Old Business

There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake or IT supplies for the commissioner room.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. Discussion was had on who has ownership of the frontage road where Beach’s cement is (old Lake Aid building). According to Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, it is not on the county’s federal aid road list. Monson is going to make some calls to determine who is responsible for maintenance on the road. Interested parties have reached out regarding the distributor trailer. Commissioner Scanson motioned to advertise for another two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Commissioner Utke asked if it doesn’t sell, could it be traded towards something and the consensus was yes. All voted aye and the motion passed. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy provided the BOCC with a reply to CP rail in response to the questions they have about the requested \$2.7 million. The consensus from the BOCC was to send the reply as written.

Kip Kovar, Scott Mehring and Carter Schmitz, Garrison Diversion, approached the board regarding the Kensal Highway. Per Kovar, they have in their budget to mill and overlay the road once completed. Commissioner Scanson asked how many miles and Kovar stated five miles. Monson asked if they could provide a number not to mill but to overlay the entire nine miles. \$1.6 million would mill and overlay for five miles and \$2.7 would be to just overlay the nine miles. Commissioner Utke spoke on the utility permits and policies that the BOCC will be reviewing soon to approve and finalize. No final decision was made.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy provided the BOCC with a gaming site authorization form. Sykeston Community Club is requesting gaming at Bordulac Bar and Grill. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy provided a memo to be sent to the Fair Board and Historical society regarding liability insurance. Kyle Schroeder approached the BOCC for clarification on what the liability insurance covers. Brinster reiterated it’s strictly for errors and omissions of the board (liability of the boards), the buildings and grounds are covered by Foster County. The BOCC’s consensus is to

mail the memo out as written. Roundy also stated that it has been seven years since the last county auction and that maybe the county could consider doing a sale of items later in the summer, closer to when fall rummage sales are.

Jeff Gale, NDSU Extension Agent, approached the BOCC to introduce Foster County’s new extension agent Carrie Nichols. Nichols was previously employed at Carrington High School for twenty-four years.

Commissioner discussion included the ambulance district boundary. Both Carrington and McHenry Ambulances have agreed to the line as drawn. There will be a district meeting held for Carrington Ambulance on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Foster County Courthouse. The county is working with a road utility committee composed of seven individuals for permits and policies regarding road use in Foster County. Brinster has created an MOU between Foster County and Garrison Diversion. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the MOU, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Foster County Board of Commissioners will have a special meeting on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 PM regarding the additional documents for county roads. Commissioner Hagel ran through the list of important tasks for the BOCC to complete. The BOCC will look at reviewing the MOU from the late 1990’s with the Foster County Fair Board soon. A six-county meeting will be held in Wells County on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

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Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair  
Board of County Commissioners