

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16th, 2025

At 3:30pm, Vice-Chairperson Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Stutsman/Foster EM Jessica Moser and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the September 2nd Commissioner Meeting and September 4th Special Meeting. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

39144	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	67.73
39145	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	963.63
39146	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	326.15
39147	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	104.02
39148	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	349.00
39149	BREMER BANK, N.A.	70.00
39150	BREMER INSURANCE AGENCIES, INC.	376.00
39151	C & J OIL COMPANY	10,699.19
39152	CAPFIRST EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	37,832.14
39153	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	466.62
39154	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	30.48
39155	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,150.00
39156	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	127.65
39157	ELLEN ROUNDY	36.62
39158	GILBERTSON'S	4,216.85
39159	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,384.40
39160	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	7,500.00
39161	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	979.00
39162	JUSTIN JOHNSON	915.85
39163	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	176.27
39164	MONARCH HANDYMAN SERVICE	12,500.00
39165	NAPA AUTO PARTS	318.49
39166	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	1,982.68
39167	OK TIRE STORE	35.00
39168	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	5,678.40
39169	PATRIOT FUELS	104.38
39170	*** VOID *** QUADIENT FINANCE	1,003.56
39171	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	353.19
39172	RACHEL STOKES	58.93
39173	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	3,017.36
39174	*** VOID *** RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	408.95
39175	SIDWELL COMPANY	130.00
39176	SIG SAUER, INC.	4,007.12
39177	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,700.00
39178	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	4,844.00
39179	WILLIAM J GALE	93.10
39180	QUADIENT FINANCE	1,003.56
39181	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	408.95

Commissioner Copenhaver requested to add Tree in memory of long time Commissioners to the agenda.

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

Old Business

Foster County State's Attorney has been in contact with Tamarac Land Surveying in Jamestown, ND. Moving forward at this point and hoping to have information to bring to the BOCC soon.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. The month of September has seen just over 1.5 inches of rain. Demo has begun on Old Wright Bridge. Wold Engineering plans to shoot locations of bad spots on South Bordulac road in the next week or so, Monson will provide an update at the next meeting. The Road Department would like to thank Justin Spickler for the use of his equipment to remove docks from Juanita Lake for winter storage.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, presented a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with BNSF for the flex funding project. Commissioner Utke authorized signatures for the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented an MOU with the Secretary of State's office for election equipment and expectations of both the Office of the Secretary of State and Foster County. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the MOU with signatures, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, for the insurance claim on the Grace City shop, signatures are required on the NDIRF Claim form. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve with signatures, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chris Thomas, EAPC provided an update via email for the basement project. Johnson Controls needs to run a new wire to the Sheriff's house to connect equipment. Foster County Building Maintenance, Jerrod Holte, is willing to install floor sealer, Thomas provided product recommendation. Tile work is mostly completed with inspections happening within the next month. Final inspection along with Dome inspection will also occur in the next month.

Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney, provided information regarding an ordinance for road utility documents. Additional discussion included creating a document for emergency situations that wouldn't be intended to stop the recovery effort, but to get people on both sides to agree that items will need to be handled during and after the process.

Commissioner discussion included Commissioner Copenhaver asking if the BOCC would be willing to plant a tree in honor of long time Commissioners. Discussion included location of tree and best time of year to plant. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Scanson had an NDSU Advisory meeting. Foster County NDSU Extension has done a great job implementing projects within the community, specifically with Golden Acres. Commissioner Utke noted that the SORN program has a new website available for viewing. Commissioner Utke also provided an update on the Six-County meeting that was held in Foster County on September 9th. There was great turnout from counties and valuable discussion. The BOCC would like to look into the Foster County fee schedule on new projects being brought into the County. Emmons county has implemented a fee of 3% on new projects entering the county and this has created substantial revenue and tax relief for residents. NDACo will be touring Foster County on Thursday, September 25th at 10:15 AM. The budget hearing for the county will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 25th.

With no further business, Vice-Chairperson Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:16 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Vice – Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners