

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 7th, 2025

At 3:30pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. 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 September 16th Commissioner Meeting, September 25th public hearing and September 29th Special Meeting. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the minutes, 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.

39241	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	689.98
39242	AMRIZE MIDWEST INC.	2,800.26
39243	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	928.31
39244	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
39245	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	689.88
39246	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	7,500.00
39247	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	238.08
39248	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	526.42
39249	C & J OIL COMPANY	7,721.60
39250	CAPFIRST EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC.	8,941.48
39251	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
39252	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	9,287.95
39253	CMF	488.17
39254	COMPUTER EXPRESS	5,730.38
39255	COWS & CO CREAMERY	120.00
39256	CTK GROUP	150.00
39257	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	143.75
39258	DAVID UTKE	129.98
39259	ELLEN ROUNDY	83.80
39260	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,002.68
39261	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,411.05
39262	JASON TOPP	14,817.60
39263	JASON TOPP	300.00
39264	JERROD HOLTE	84.00
39265	JESSICA MOSER	215.60
39266	KELTON ROY HAGEL	400.00
39267	LEEVEER'S FOODS	11.26
39268	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	4,036.50
39269	MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION	10.00
39270	NAPA AUTO PARTS	14.76
39271	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	52.36
39272	OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	17,283.36
39273	OK TIRE STORE	1,115.58
39274	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	3,000.00
39275	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	220.48
39276	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	810.92
39277	SIDWELL COMPANY	1,365.00
39278	STRYKER SALES, LLC	988.50
39279	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
39280	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	2,900.00
39281	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	1,587.00
39282	VETERANS INFORMATION SERVICE	75.00
39283	WILLIAM J GALE	624.15

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the agenda, 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. There is no update at this point with the lots by Juanita or the Road Utility Ordinance.

New Business

Madam Chair Hagel reviewed the Road Department update provided by Road Supervisor Nate Monson. Commissioner Scanson and Commissioner Copenhaver attended the final walkthrough of the Old Wright Bridge with Monson. Wold Engineering and Foster County signed off on the project. Wold Engineering has completed

work on the Bordulac Road from the CPKC Train Derailment. They are hoping a report will be ready to present at the next BOCC meeting. Elliot Paczkowski has resigned from the Foster County Weed Board. Monson noted that NDSU Extension Agent Jeff Gale would be willing to replace Paczkowski. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the appointment of Jeff Gale to the Foster County Weed Board, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, asked the BOCC how they would like to proceed with the sale of a 2001 Toro Snowblower. Commissioner Scanson suggested placing an ad in the paper for bids. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to allow the bid to be placed in the Foster County independent for two weeks with a deadline of November 3rd at 4:00 PM and bid opening at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 4th, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. There are three properties on the delinquent sale list. Roundy provided the minimum sale price based on the last three years taxes, 2025 estimate and any specials/liens and requested a public hearing be set on Tuesday, October 21st at 3:15 PM. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the minimum sale prices as presented and set the public hearing date for October 21st at 3:15 PM, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented a community room usage policy. Commissioner Hagel noted one change. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the policy with the change seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. NDSF has requested a delegate be selected and information mailed to the NDSF for the annual meeting in November. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve Betty Montgomery as the Foster County delegate and Dennis Montgomery as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the final budget for 2026. There were no changes requested from the BOCC. The County general fund will levy a total of \$987,317.97 and the overall county levy amount will equate to \$3,035,828. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the budget seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Roundy presented a propane contract for Arrowwood prairie Co-op. Commissioner Copenhaver requested to keep contract for the same amount as last years which was 650 gallons, sign and return to Arrowwood, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included Commissioner Copenhaver asking if the BOCC would be willing to plant a tree in honor of long time Commissioners. Discussion included the location of the tree. Commissioner Utke noted that one prior Commissioner should not be singled out and come up with something that honors all previous commissioners. The BOCC will look into options. Commissioner Hagel noted that December 26th falls on a Friday. She asked if the BOCC would have any opposition to closing the courthouse on December 26th. Employees would not get holiday pay, rather take a vacation day or the day unpaid. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to allow the courthouse to be closed on Friday December 26th with employees taking a vacation day or the day unpaid, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. A few action items were noted with the commission reoccurring calendar. The next regular meeting will be on October 21st at 3:30 PM. NDACo Convention will be held on October 26th – 28th in Bismarck, ND.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair
Board of County Commissioners