

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Road Superintendent Nate Monson and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the October 7<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

39293	ANDREW S. MARQUART	198.00
39294	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	325.00
39295	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
39296	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	66.05
39297	BRISS OIL COMPANY	81.00
39298	C & J OIL COMPANY	32.77
39299	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	111.30
39300	CENTRAL CITY H2O+	48.00
39301	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	8.58
39302	CMF	28.74
39303	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,000.00
39304	ELLEN ROUNDY	75.60
39305	HAILEY BACHMEIER	75.60
39306	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	34.65
39307	JOSEPH GUSHWA	72.00
39308	JUSTIN JOHNSON	565.07
39309	MATTHEW ABERLE	72.00
39310	NAPA AUTO PARTS	532.34
39311	NDSU EXTENSION - DEPT 7510	10,289.04
39312	PATRIOT FUELS	244.19
39313	QUILL CORPORATION	390.38
39314	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	3,400.00

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

Old Business

There is no update at this point with the lots by Juanita or the Road Utility Ordinance.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. The Commission and Road Superintendent will meet with the Townships on November 10<sup>th</sup> to review snow route maps and address any maintenance questions. Discussion included continued allocation amounts. Commissioner Utke motioned to discontinue the township allocation payment due to limited funding and CAPs with the current budget, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Discussion was had on the hourly maintenance rate with no changes made at this time. The department has equipment ready for winter with plows and sanders on. Wold Engineering will provide an update to the BOCC in November on the road report from their survey conducted due to damage from the CPKC train derailment. Roundy noted that there is a special road fund program she would like the BOCC to look into. Projects are limited to roads that provide access to and/or are within recreational, tourist and historical areas. The road that could qualify would be south Bordulac with Cows n Co creamery as a tourist spot. The maximum NDDOT contribution is limited to eighty percent with the county contributing twenty percent with the financial participation amount limited to \$500,000. The BOCC will review the funding parameters and decide in November.

Commissioner discussion included options for call out features if there was to be a fire in the building after hours. Call out options are \$720 for IP/POTS and \$840 for cellular monitoring, both amounts are on an annual basis. The BOCC discussed the options and have a few questions they would like to have answered before proceeding. Commissioner Roller attended the quarterly BOH meeting. Along with other political subdivisions, public health is seeing financial shortcomings with budgets and CAPs. Commissioner Copenhaver attended a Council of aging meeting and noted that there have been over two-thousand rides so far this year with public transport. EAPC will do a walk through the basement renovation on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 AM. The bid opening for the 2001 Toro snowblower will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The Commissioner summit will be held in Bismarck on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

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Becky Sue Hagel, Madam Chair  
Board of County Commissioners