

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 6th, 2026

At 8:00 am, Chairman Copenhaver 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 (via phone), and Foster County Independent Reporter Erik Gjovik.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the December 16th Commission meeting and two special meetings held on December 30th, 2025. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy presented a bill for Pat Biel Trucking in the amount of \$525.00 to clean out a culvert. Commissioner Scanson noted that he spoke with the landowner and they will visit with Road Superintendent Nate Monson regarding how to break out the bill. Roundy also noted that NDDOT invoice 0002600649 will need authorizing signatures. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve and sign the NDDOT invoice, seconded by Commissioner Roller all voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the bills except for the Pat Biel Trucking invoice for \$525.00, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

39602	ALAN SCANSON	170.80
39603	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	200.00
39604	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,252.80
39605	C & J OIL COMPANY	6,002.51
39606	CENTRAL CITY H20+	13.50
39607	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	493.60
39608	CITY OF GLENFIELD	360.00
39609	CMF	549.72
39610	FOSTER COUNTY	119.17
39611	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	887.66
39612	GILBERTSON'S	1,590.11
39613	HAGEL STORAGE	400.00
39614	NACVSO	50.00
39615	NAPA AUTO PARTS	34.98
39616	ND COUNTY AUDITORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATON	400.00
39617	ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	500.00
39618	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	8,574.30
39619	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	18,527.50
39620	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	1,511.52
39621	PATRIOT FUELS	23.79
39622	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	117.24
39623	SIDWELL COMPANY	812.50
39624	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
39625	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	6,875.00
39626	WILLIAM J GALE	41.30

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

Old Business

State’s Attorney Kara Brinster noted that the Road Utility Ordinance will be handled at the same time as other Planning and Zoning ordinances to save on publishing costs and meeting times. No action is required.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. He provided year end reports that included 2025 blade sheets breaking down miles and idle time for each employee and piece of equipment, 2025 billings and 2025 employee sick and vacation time. There was a total of 24.31 inches of rain for the year and 22.2 inches of snow. Jeff Gale had been appointed to replace Elliot Paczkowski with the Foster County Weed Board to fulfill the remaining term earlier this fall. Jeff’s official term would begin on January 1st, 2026, and run through December 31st of 2030. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve Jeff Gale’s appointment on the Weed board through 2030, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, requested the BOCC’s approval on budgeted transfers from the general fund to other county funds, the breakout is as follows: \$78,000 to the Insurance Reserve fund, \$9,600 to the County Park fund, \$66,950.16 to the Extension fund, and \$1,000 to the Cemetery fund. All of which will be transferred from the county general fund totaling \$155,550.16. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the transfers seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. There was no budget amendment required for the 2024 tax year in 2025. The county’s Gate City Bank CD is up for renewal. The CD term is 13 months at 3.25%. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy also stated that Larrabee Township and the City of McHenry are two years delinquent on their road payments. Monson provides the Auditor/Treasurer office billings once a quarter and they are mailed at that time. Discussion included charging interest or certifying a lien on all properties within the respective

jurisdiction if payments are not made. Commissioner Scanson will visit with the township and city regarding the matter.

Commissioner discussion included an update from Commissioner Utke on the remaining items for the basement project. Commissioner Utke also provided the BOCC with a list of events from the Fair Board that are held on an annual basis. Commissioner Hagel plans to attend the next housing meeting to see if there would be a benefit to having representation from Foster County. The next regular meeting will be held on January 20th, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 8:52 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners