

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 20th, 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, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the January 6th Commission meeting. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

39690	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	760.12
39691	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
39692	BRISS OIL COMPANY	104.00
39693	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	5,880.78
39694	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	107.88
39695	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,364.00
39696	DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST	321.00
39697	ELLEN ROUNDY	89.61
39698	FOSTER COUNTY	388.22
39699	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,411.05
39700	JERRY BIEL	222.00
39701	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	300.00
39702	JUSTIN JOHNSON	524.65
39703	LLOYDS MOTORS	98.88
39704	NDSU EXTENSION - DEPT 7510	12,346.91
39705	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOP.	13,629.83
39706	OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	18,986.84
39707	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	262.50
39708	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,020.00
39709	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	100.00

Commissioner Utke requested to add easements under Road discussion. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the agenda with the addition seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No update for the Road Utility Ordinance.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. Snow update totals are 25.30 inches for this snow year. The crew has been out many times as the wind has not been favorable. Wold Engineering had provided two utility agreements for the BOCC to review, one from Dakota Central and one from Northern Plains. Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster has reviewed with approving as a standard contract. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve with designated county signatures, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke presented easement information to the BOCC. Garrison Diversion has not submitted easement information to be recorded on work that has already been completed. Discussion had on steps moving forward. Brinster stated that this is Garrison's work to be completed and submitted to the county.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, stated that Mayor Erdmann was in and noted that the City of Carrington was interested in purchasing the delinquent property that was unsold during the November 2025 tax sale. The property is parcel 03602000 located in Lot 6, Block 10, Clair's addition, City of Carrington. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve selling the parcel to the City of Carrington for \$1.00 plus the recording fee of \$20.00 seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented two local raffle permits, one for FBLA and one for FFA. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the local raffle permits, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, presented the BOCC with a contract from Vanguard for a five-year website service totaling \$4,812.50. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Roller – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye

motion passed. Evans presented PRC abatements for trusts that were not initially approved but later approved by legislation. The abatements were for the following individuals with trusts: David and Lisa Alley, Vern and Janie Anderson, Kathy Fredrickson, Carole Pepple, and June Stedman. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the abatements, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included next steps on delinquent mobile home taxes. The Auditor/Treasurer office has mailed certified letters, and the Sheriff has served paperwork. There is currently only one mobile home with delinquent taxes. Sheriff Justin Johnson has visited owners on two different instances to try making collection. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve posting notice in the paper and having a Sheriff sale on the property on Friday, February 20th, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Foster County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Discussion was had on whether the owner may still make payment prior to the sale to redeem the property. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke noted that the committee organized to review documents regarding the 2024 train derailment plan to meet at the beginning of February. Commissioner Copenhaver had a Council of Aging meeting. The meals on wheels for McHenry have been dissolved. The next regular BOCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners