

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey K Bachmeier, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Foster County Independent Reporter Erik Gjovik.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the January 20<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. 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.

39723	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	289.11
39724	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	7.58
39725	BECKY HAGEL	167.97
39726	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	90.16
39727	BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION	2,190.50
39728	CENTRAL CITY H20+	37.50
39729	CENTRAL DAKOTA SIX-COUNTY ORGANIZATION	420.00
39730	DR. MICHAEL PAGE	1,200.00
39731	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	562.70
39732	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	8,226.84
39733	HAGEL STORAGE	400.00
39734	JERROD HOLTE	44.95
39735	JOSEPH GUSHWA	33.07
39736	KARA BRINSTER	296.00
39737	NAPA AUTO PARTS	665.33
39738	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	3,600.00
39739	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	400.00
39740	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	220.50
39741	ND SHERIFF'S & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION	400.00
39742	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	844.92
39743	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	317.90
39744	SIDWELL COMPANY	520.00
39745	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
39746	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	4,000.00
39747	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	962.50
39748	WILLIAM J GALE	43.50
39749	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	750.00
39750	WSI	250.00

Commissioner Utke requested to add Central Power Hearing and Cenex Letter under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the agenda with the additions seconded by Commissioner Roller. 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 28.25 inches for this snow year. The crew has been doing maintenance on vehicles. Monson stated the Railroad tracks at Barlow on the Barlow Highway are in tough conditions due to heaving and has a dip of about 4". Monson said the road department put out bump ahead signs, caution signs and orange caution flags. Monson said the only other thing for extra precautions is to put flashing lights up. The BOCC consensus was that the signs and flags should be enough but if complaints are received, the BOCC can circle back to purchasing flashing lights for extra precautions. Monson stated Michael Rivinius from Wold Engineering said Knife River had contacted him and stated Knife River would like payment for their gravel pile for Base Work and the material for the hot mix. Rivinius suggested that Foster County invoice NDDOT. NDDOT will then send us their 80% and then Foster County will pay Knife River along with the County’s 20%. Commissioner Utke made a motion to invoice the NDDOT for 80% of the cost, and upon receipt of payment, Foster County will remit payment to Knife River along with the County’s 20% share, seconded by Commissioner Roller.

Roll call vote included:

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

Motion passed.

Knife River also asked if Foster County would be willing to use some recycled material along with new material for the asphalt on the paving project on 11<sup>th</sup> street North of Grace City. They stated that it would provide a discount on the price but didn't state how much. Foster County would only receive 20% of discount and the state 80%. The county would be responsible for 100% of repairs. The BOCC main concern is the long-term cost. Commissioner Utke made a motion to not use recycled material for asphalt on the paving project on 11<sup>th</sup> street north of Grace City, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson asked if Road Restrictions would be decided by the Chairman and Road Superintendent and the BOCC consensus was yes. The yearly maintenance certification was presented to the BOCC. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve signatures to certify the FAS roads, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included that all individuals on the delinquent tax list for mobile homes had paid. Commissioner Utke stated the next Siren Radio meeting will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Commissioner Hagel attended the Central Prairie meeting and stated that the State is trying to get Central Prairie to be able to issue EBT cards if they get lost in the mail. Lots of delays have been happening due to shortage of staff. Commissioner Utke provided information about the Central Powering Hearing that was discussed at the last meeting. Karen Evans, Tax Director, reached out to Central Power to see if the transmission line update was part of the original project and Central Power said it was not part of the original project. Evans informed Central Power that a meeting and public hearing will have to take place in order to do the project. Commissioner Utke also discussed the letter from Cenex that requested Foster County to request coordination of any current or future projects within Foster County that will impact the existing pipeline system. Commissioner Utke asked that the letter be forwarded to the Road Department, Emergency Manager, and Michael Rivinius at Wold Engineering. Hailey K Bachmeier, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer stated she would email the letter to all individuals it pertains to. Commissioner Utke discussed the reoccurring schedule for February. Commissioner Utke stated Juanita Lake ground keeping will have to be discussed before spring for job duties. Commissioner Utke also stated the Multi Hazard Mitigation plan will need to be reviewed. Commissioner Utke stated he would reach out to Jessica Moser, Foster County Emergency Manager.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 8:36 am.

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Hailey K Bachmeier  
Foster County Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

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Pat Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners