

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 10th, 2026

At 3:00 pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Becky Hagel. Also present was Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey K Bachmeier, and Road Superintendent Nate Monson.

Foster County Road Superintendent Nate Monson informed the Foster County Board of County Commissioners that the railroad tracks on the Barlow Highway in Barlow are in poor condition due to heaving and currently have an approximate 4-inch dip. The Foster County Board of County Commissioners authorized the Foster County Road Department to install stop signs near the railroad tracks. Discussion was held regarding the railroad crossing where the railroad bed has settled, causing the highway surface to become uneven. In order to correct the issue, the roadway will need to be leveled by grinding the surface down. Monson stated that Foster County could rent a asphalt grinder from Swanson Equipment for \$350.00 per day. Another option discussed was renting an asphalt grinder from Stutsman County or having Stutsman County employees perform the grinding work; however, Monson stated he did not yet have a cost estimate from Stutsman County. Commissioner Utke stated that this is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to authorize Foster County Road Superintendent Nate Monson to either hire services or rent equipment to grind the surface at the railroad tracks on Barlow Highway, not to exceed \$1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Utke. Further discussion was held. Commissioner Scanson asked if Commissioner Utke would contact the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) to inform them of the issue. Commissioner Utke stated he would contact NDDOT and report back to the Board of County Commissioners once he receives additional information.

Roll call vote included:

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

Motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 3:26 pm

Hailey K Bachmeier
Foster County Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioner