

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 30th, 2026

At 10:00 am, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Paul Roller, and Commissioner Alan Scanson. Also present was Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price and Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey K Bachmeier.

Foster County Road Superintendent Nate Monson informed the BOCC that following grinding work at the Barlow Railroad Tracks on Barlow Highway, he discussed the use of a power broom with Commissioner Scanson. Commissioner Scanson noted that Stutsman County, which assisted with the grinding, utilized a power broom sweeper to clean debris. Monson stated that ORR Auctioneers currently has seven to eight different brands and sizes of power brooms available. He added that a new Arteer 72-inch angle power broom costs approximately \$2,000; however, a drawback is that it is manufactured in China, which could result in delays when ordering replacement parts. Monson further noted that he reviewed two power brooms currently listed through ORR Auctioneers. Commissioner Scanson commented that a power broom would be beneficial for the Road Department, as it could be used for cleanup following grinding or patch work, as well as for light snow and debris removal on courthouse sidewalks. Monson added that while an air compressor can be used for cleanup, it requires an additional vehicle and equipment to transport. He noted that the skid steer, bucket, grinder, and broom could all be transported together on one trailer, improving efficiency and response time for the Road Department. Commissioner Utke made a motion to authorize Foster County Road Superintendent Nate Monson to purchase a power broom for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, 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.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Hailey K Bachmeier
Foster County Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioner