

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

At 8:00 am, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner Becky Hagel. Also present was Foster County State’s Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering, Brian Coons with Seal Tech and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the May 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and May 7<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve all sets of minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

40162	ANDREW S. MARQUART	153.00
40163	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	1,182.04
40164	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
40165	BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.	26.83
40166	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	6,514.83
40167	BRISS OIL COMPANY	161.00
40168	C & J OIL COMPANY	539.99
40169	CMF	1,297.34
40170	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,100.00
40171	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	4,789.69
40172	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	1,091.00
40173	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	1,411.05
40174	JUSTIN JOHNSON	78.27
40175	KAREN EVANS	50.76
40176	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	668,075.44
40177	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	67.50
40178	NAPA AUTO PARTS	452.10
40179	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	154.52
40180	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	175.00
40181	PATRIOT FUELS	86.48
40182	QUADIENT FINANCE	2,525.00
40183	R. M. STOUTD	59.95
40184	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,200.00
40185	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	1,040.00
40186	PENNY REISTER	8.47
40187	JESSICA MOSER	179.20
40188	JESSICA MOSER	58.80

Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no update under old business.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update to the BOCC. Discussion was had on road restrictions and allowing alternate routes for the Flex Funding project. Commissioner Utke motioned to continue to have contractors use the McHenry Road for the Flex Funding project and when the state takes off their road restrictions the McHenry Road will go from 6 ton to 8 ton until Foster County pulls their road restrictions off, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The road groomer has still not been delivered. Auditor/Treasurer Roundy presented the Flex Fund reimbursement #12 for approval and required signatures. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the reimbursement with signatures seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, provided an engineer’s estimate to reclaim the Murphy Road to gravel in the amount of \$702,724.00. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the plans for bid with a bid opening date of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 AM, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Brian Coons, Seal Tech, provided information to the BOCC on the seal tech product and estimated cost for the Grace City Road. The material will extend the life of the road and help seal the cracks from the bottom up. The estimate to do the entire road from Highway 200 to Grace City would be \$200,000. The BOCC thanked Coons for the information and will table making any decision until after the bid opening for the Murphy Road.

Auditor/Treasurer, Ellen Roundy, presented three lost check affidavits. The first check was for Penny Reister for \$8.47 and two checks for Jessica Moser for \$58.80 and \$179.20 respectively. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the lost check affidavits seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy also presented a local match Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan letter for approval with the Chairmans signature.

Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the letter with the adequate signatures seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

There were no committee reports from the BOCC. Commissioner Hagel had met with Chris Thomas, EAPC, to do a walkthrough of the basement. All items appeared to be fixed and completed. Thomas was unable to bring sufficient equipment to test behind a wall in the election closet. Commissioner Scanson will reach out to the local fire department to see if they have the necessary equipment to be borrowed. There will be a six-county meeting held in Napoleon on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The Foster County Board of Equalization meeting will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 8:59 am.

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Ellen Roundy  
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

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Pat Copenhaver, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners