

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11th, 2026

At 2:00 pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner Becky Hagel. Also present was Foster County Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, residents John Murphy, Travis and Briley Carr and Foster County independent reporter Nathan Price.

Commissioner Utke provided an update to those in attendance on how the Foster County BOCC has come about the current situation of maintaining roads and increasing maintenance costs. He stated that the BOCC is trying to balance maintaining a safe road system and respect for the taxpayers. The county does not have the necessary revenue to maintain the existing number of paved highway miles, especially now with CAPS in place. The Foster County Road department is a very lean department that works tirelessly to maintain roads in the best condition possible and the only reason the roads have lasted as long as they have is due to the road department's work. Wold Engineering had previously completed a study on behalf of Foster County in 2024 that considers traffic counts, pavement age and road history and has provided the BOCC with a ranking of county paved roads. Commissioner Hagel noted that when the roads were constructed into pavement in the 1970s-1980's there was funding that was just given to the counties. While reading past minutes she noted that funding was used for paving and given to townships. Another concern from the BOCC is costs for bridges. The state is changing the process on costs for bridges, and the county will need to make sure there is still sufficient funding available.

Resident Travis Carr stated he feels that half the road is in good shape. From Highway 281 to just before Tim and Mary Zink's seems to be in decent condition. Resident John Murphy noted that a recommendation would be to leave the road from Highway 281 past Travis Carr's mailbox. Murphy also noted that there is a sandhill on the road towards the east end. The gravel back in the day would become very washed out, leaving rough conditions and he would encourage the BOCC to leave that small stretch as well.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 2:38 pm

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioner