

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7th, 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 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 and Foster County Independent Reporter Erik Gjovik.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 16th Commission Meeting. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy presented check 40284 to Beve Johnson for mowing at Juanita Lake to be included with the approved bills. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills, including check 40284, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

40284	BEVERLY JOHNSON	1,600.00
40362	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	616.75
40363	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	341.85
40364	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	849.96
40365	AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE	3.59
40366	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
40367	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	137.30
40368	BEVERLY JOHNSON	800.00
40369	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	49,465.15
40370	BREMER INSURANCE AGENCIES, INC.	10,961.00
40371	C & J OIL COMPANY	11,421.52
40372	CENTRAL CITY H20+	49.50
40373	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	46.20
40374	COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,041.94
40375	D&E SUPPLY COMPANY	5.42
40376	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	62.32
40377	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	1,194.00
40378	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	5,070.17
40379	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	860.40
40380	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,469.00
40381	GENERAL ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION	200.00
40382	HAGEL STORAGE	400.00
40383	JERROD HOLTE	52.20
40384	LEO STRALEY	38,405.00
40385	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	617,370.91
40386	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	617,370.92
40387	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	926,196.26
40388	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	926,196.26
40389	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	436.50
40390	MELANIE G HESCH	94.70
40391	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	50.35
40392	PATRIOT FUELS	187.90
40393	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	134.88
40394	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	2,300.00
40395	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	1,600.00
40396	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
40397	THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	12.32
40398	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	1,128.00
40399	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	2,800.00
40400	WILLIAM J GALE	325.88
40401	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	269,666.51
40402	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	44,837.91

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

Old Business

Commissioner Scanson stated that mowing at both the James River and South James River Cemeteries have been covered. A party was interested in completing the work, so no bids were necessary.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update to the BOCC. Roads are starting to firm up after the rain with many township roads needing gravel. The department will start mowing ditches later in the week. Monson stated that there is a culvert in the county that needs to be replaced. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the

county paying for half the culvert, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Commissioner Utke stated that it’s important for the BOCC to maintain the same policy with culvert purchases and installations. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve reimbursement number fourteen for the flex funding project, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented a utility permit from Dakota Central. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the application and allow the chairman’s signature, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Shane Wendel and Kyle Schroeder approached the BOCC with an update from the Foster County Fair. Overall, attendance numbers were good. Discussion included the current maintenance needed on buildings at the fairgrounds. The Fair Board will be looking for financial support from the county to put tin on three buildings at the fairgrounds.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy provided an update from EAPC and General Contractor Leo Straley regarding the basement renovation. Straley had informed the Auditor/Treasurer office that a few spots on the sheriff’s roof have been patched. Straley also stated that the entire building needs to be looked at or removed. The vault that is used for election storage has a vent running to the north behind the wall that will need to be blocked off at some point to stop moisture from breaking up the sheetrock. Roundy provided bid information for the pastureland in Grace City. One bid was received for \$35/acre from Chad Van Dyke. Commissioner Roller motioned to accept the bid for a three-year lease of non-tillable land located in Grace City, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Roller provided an update from the most recent Board of Health meeting. The Foster County Health District has received funding for updating the front of the building. The district is working on budgets and provided employees with a two-percent COLA allocation with up to an additional one percent for performance. Commissioner Hagel noted that the Human Service Zone board met. Commissioner Hagel stated that the state Human Service department has been tasked to make ten percent cuts across the board.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 9:19 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners