

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 4th, 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, Foster County Fair Board members Joel Lemer, Kyle Schroeder and Darwin Solberg and Foster County Independent Reporters Erik Gjovik and Taylor Rau.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the July 21st Commission Meeting. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy presented lost check affidavit for check number 39829 to be included with the bills. Roundy also noted they are waiting for a correction to invoices for the Flex Funding Reimbursement #15 and requested to include those invoices once corrected. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills, including the lost check affidavit and corrected invoices for flex funding reimbursement 15, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

40501	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	121.47
40502	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	1,726.27
40503	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	93.00
40504	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	634.87
40505	BEVERLY JOHNSON	800.00
40506	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	25,970.96
40507	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	28,354.31
40508	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	5,022.88
40509	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC.	2,660.61
40510	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	104.71
40511	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	129.00
40512	COREAN SWART	4.80
40513	ELLEN ROUNDY	10.15
40514	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	1,365.24
40515	HAGEL STORAGE	400.00
40516	JERROD HOLTE	38.00
40517	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	80,897.91
40518	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	73.95
40519	LAKESIDE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES INC.	4,601.00
40520	NDSU EXTENSION - DEPT 7510	14,404.70
40521	NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	46.85
40522	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	86.92
40523	PAMELA BLINSKY	75.24
40524	PATRIOT FUELS	158.66
40525	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	237.08
40526	SIDWELL COMPANY	195.00
40527	STUTSMAN COUNTY	2,000.00
40528	TERRACON	3,574.00
40529	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	1,048.00
40530	TRAVIS TESCH	102.80
40531	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	1,500.00
40532	US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC	2,360.81
40533	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	1,050.00
40534	WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOCIATION	500.00
40535	WHOLESALE AG PRODUCTS	51.88
40536	WILLIAM J GALE	322.87
40537	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	5,736.47
40538	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	615.05

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

Old Business

Commissioner Utke requested to keep commissioner room furniture under old business until a decision was made.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update to the BOCC. The month of July showed only 2.07” of rain. A resident would like to clean out the buildup of sediment in the county ROW on the South Bordulac Highway. Right now, the highway culverts are lower than the culvert in the driveway and it has caused a buildup of sediment. The landowner would do it at their own expense. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the work completed by the landowner, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson provided information for a change order to be added to the murphy road project with work completed on the ½ mile south of

Bordulac. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the change order, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Roller – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye

motion passed. Seal Tech provided an estimate of \$115,975.00 for three miles of work on County Road 1621 from State 22 going north. Work would include preparation, applying mastic material, smoothing surface and edges and spraying to eliminate tracking. No decision was made at this time. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve Flex Funding Reimbursement #15 with the Chairmans signature, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Fair Board members Kyle Schroeder, Joel Lemer and Darwin Solberg attended the meeting to provide a monthly update. Discussion continued on the buildings and repairs needed for the roofs. Foster County State’s Attorney noted that NDCC states anything over \$250,000 does require an engineer or architect on the project to provide accurate specifications. Commissioner Scanson stated that the BOCC is committed to taking care of the buildings.

Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy provided the BOCC with the pledge of assets. Pledging provides protection on funds and secures financing. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the pledge of assets, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Carrington Youth Football submitted a raffle permit. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the permit seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the 2026 tax year preliminary budget. The adjusted year CAP calculation provided \$2,352 more dollars to the budget at a \$91,357 increase to be split between the general fund, road fund, capital improvement fund, VSO, Agent, Weed Board, Historical Society, Public Health, CCEDC, Senior Citizens, Specials and Ambulance levies. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the county preliminary budget at \$3,136,596, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Resolution 2026-02 was read:

WHEREAS, the County of Foster on behalf of its County Commission desires to enter into Agreement with the South Central Regional Council to apply for a Regional Livestock Planning Grant which the County is eligible. The Agreement further provides the County with identification of suitable locations for rural economic development, including animal feeding operations, agricultural processing and storage facilities and other agriculture related development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Foster County Board of Commissioners, North Dakota as follows:

1. Following completion of the site analysis process the county will review county and township zoning and land use regulations. The county may update any zoning or land use regulations based on recommendations of site analysis process. Additionally, Foster County will provide information to townships of said county so they may review and update zoning and land use regulations as they see fit.
2. That Pat Copenhagen, the Chairman of the County of Foster and Ellen Roundy, the County Board Clerk, are authorized to sign the Agreement.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Scanson moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Utke seconded the motion, and having been submitted to a roll call vote of the elected County Commissioners:

- Commissioner Roller – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye

motion passed. Roundy requested approval to transfer 4 mills levied from tax year 2025 and 4 mills levied from tax year 2026 totaling \$263,900.65 to the Road Capital Improvement Fund. These mills were allocated for Road projects and splitting it will keep finances cleaner. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Roller – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye
- Commissioner Copenhagen – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye

motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson asked about putting flock cameras in the county to try help mitigate work for Road Superintendent Monson with Garrison Diversion pipeline subcontractors traveling on non-haul roads. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the right of way encroachment ad in the Foster County Independent for two weeks, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhagen adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.

Ellen Roundy
Foster County Auditor/Treasurer

Pat Copenhagen, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners