

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 21st, 2019

At 3:30pm, Chairman Alan Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bills except for Creative Product Source, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

28350	813 SALES, LLC	165.00
28351	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	646.34
28352	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
28353	BLM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	24.00
28354	BRAD SOLBERG	145.00
28355	BREMER BANK, N.A.	35.00
28356	BRISS OIL COMPANY	138.54
28357	C & J OIL COMPANY	6,922.07
28358	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	68.72
28359	COMFORT SUITES	84.60
28360	COMPUTER EXPRESS	897.00
28361	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	2,065.42
28362	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	145.88
28363	DANIELLE BECKLEY	92.80
28364	EVANS FUNERAL HOME	1,800.00
28365	FOSTER COUNTY FAIR	55.00
28366	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	10.74
28367	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	7.00
28368	JESSICA EARLE	46.11
28369	JUSTIN JOHNSON	1,085.26
28370	LARSEN PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.	415.00
28371	LYNELLE R LYMAN HOPPE	172.88
28372	MARCO, INC.	371.81
28373	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	299.13
28374	MIDKOTA HIGH SCHOOL	30.00
28375	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	11.40
28376	NAPA AUTO PARTS	525.59
28377	ND SACCHO	500.00
28378	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	345.27
28379	OFFICE DEPOT	69.98
28380	OK TIRE STORE	93.80
28381	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	2,195.29
28382	PATRIOT FUELS	346.01
28383	QUALITY INN	253.80
28384	*** VOID *** RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	169.20
28385	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	775.73
28386	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	342.02
28387	SCHULZ PLBG., HTG. A/C, INC.	1,532.39
28388	SYNCB/AMAZON	179.14
28389	UNIFORM CENTER	787.40
28390	USPS	316.30

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

Old Business

Commissioner Hagel stated that she spoke with Legal Assistant Amanda Lee about the 2nd floor office space. Lee stated that the States Attorney's office has one filing cabinet to go through, but that the office should be ready for the move. Hagel stated that she informed Emergency Manager Jess Earle that she will need to be moved by June 15th, 2019.

Auditor Solberg presented a resolution to form a Carrington/Foster County Complete Count Committee. Commissioner Hagel asked to see if the City of Carrington had signed their resolution yet and would like to discuss at next Commissioner Meeting.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, told the BOCC that the Road Department has gotten most of the road shoulders pulled. Monson also said that the Load Restrictions are still on at this point and will not come off for another week or two. Monson then stated to the BOCC that the Foster County Weed Board has \$5,000 from a TAG Grant, and they are possibly looking into purchasing a drone with those funds.

Braeden Mather, Colonial Life, approached the BOCC about allowing the employees to sign up for Colonial Life Benefits. These are voluntary benefits that would be payroll deducted. Commissioner Hagel asked if the employees could purchase this coverage on their own and not through the County. Mather stated that this needs to be done through a payroll. Commissioner Hagel stated that it becomes a liability for the payroll department and doesn't believe Foster County should offer this. Commissioner Utke stated that he is not in favor of starting this now and would like more information. Commissioner Hagel asked Mather to get Colonial Life Rates to Auditor Solberg and that they would discuss at the June 18th, Commissioner Meeting.

Central District Director of NDSU Extension Ron Wiederholt approached the BOCC about the Foster County Extension Agent opening. Wiederholt stated now that the Eddy County Agent has retired, Foster County has moved up higher on the list. Wiederholt said that everyone talks about Foster and Eddy combining their Extension Agent Office, but that there are pros and cons to that. The main pro would be fiscal savings. The cons would include determining where the main office is, combining entities that Extension oversees, and multiple redundant meetings. Wiederholt also mentioned that there may be a new share of compensation, where the county's share would drop from 40% to 35%. Commissioner Scanson stated that Foster County is committed to getting an agent but should also explore sharing that agent with Eddy County. Hagel asked how long the entire process will take. Wiederholt responded by saying typically a new agent is hired three months after the position is officially open. Commissioner Utke made a motion to have NDSU Extension look into a full-time agent for Foster County, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel told Wiederholt that Foster County has a space issue. Wiederholt stated that he has spoken with Donna Anderson but would be willing to tour the area with Hagel to determine how much space is needed for Extension.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans informed the BOCC that the Foster County Independent ran a news article explaining the reason Vanguard is coming in to do a re-assessment. Evans also stated that she along with Commissioner Hagel, and Mayor Erdmann will be on the radio giving out Vanguard information. Evans stated that Vanguard will be in the area starting June 3rd.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle brought a proposal for a new GIS program, GeoSpiza. Earle stated that the new program would cost \$1,000.00 a year per license. Commissioner Hagel asked Earle to get more information and bring to a future Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Hagel asked Earle on a Creative Product Source bill that was pulled earlier in the meeting. Earle stated that it was for giveaways at the Foster County Fair booth, and National Night Out. Hagel then asked Earle about an Amazon Gift Card that was also on the bill. Earle stated that they just send those with and that she has a box of them in her office. Commissioner Hagel asked Earle to bring those cards up to the Auditor's Office.

Crossroads Golf Course Manager Wendy Schmidt approached the BOCC about changing their Beer and Liquor Licenses. Crossroads would like to start serving liquor at 11:00 AM instead of noon on Sundays. Auditor Solberg pulled the liquor license and it states Sunday Opening, and not a specific time. No action was needed from the BOCC.

Commissioner Utke presented a draft for the Public Health Building project. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the notice for the paper for the Public Health Building Project, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson received a quote from Arrowwood Electric to do some electrical work at Juanita Lake for \$946.37. Commissioner Utke asked to keep Juanita Lake on the future meeting agendas, as he will have more information on possible rules and regulations. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to hire Jeff Golz for the 2019 year to be the groundskeeper at the Juanita Lake Park, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:52pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners