

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Becky Hagel via phone and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present were Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Auditor Brad Solberg, States Attorney Kara Brinster 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 July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

28624	ANDREW S. MARQUART	288.00
28625	APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.	30.00
28626	ARROWWOD ELECTRIC LLP	150.00
28627	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	134.53
28628	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
28629	BRAD SOLBERG	145.00
28630	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	240.00
28631	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	1,115.34
28632	BRISS OIL COMPANY	167.00
28633	C & J OIL COMPANY	8,488.36
28634	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	38.46
28635	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	305.25
28636	CITY OF CARRINGTON	29.98
28637	COMPUTER EXPRESS	479.39
28638	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	143.74
28639	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	273.00
28640	FOSTER COUNTY WEED BOARD	1,206.25
28641	GILBERTSON'S	2,368.00
28642	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	750.13
28643	JEFF GOLZ	1,000.00
28644	JUSTIN JOHNSON	519.88
28645	KAREN EVANS	979.01
28646	LEAF	53.47
28647	LEEVEER'S FOODS	23.68
28648	MARCO, INC.	444.31
28649	NAPA AUTO PARTS	6.98
28650	NCRAAO	260.00
28651	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	590.00
28652	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	13,034.70
28653	PATRIOT FUELS	401.55
28654	PHARMCHEM INC	114.20
28655	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	253.80
28656	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	5,880.00
28657	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	123.50
28658	USPS	663.30
28659	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	79,111.80

Commissioner Scanson received a letter from Emergency Manager Earle about adding LocalGovU to the agenda. Commissioner Utke wanted to discuss the Public Health Building under Commissioner Discussion. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Auditor Solberg stated that EM Earle would have her final office pieces moved on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

States Attorney Brinster has no new information regarding share roads, but will have some in the middle of August.

### New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, told the BOCC that the Road Department has durapatched 25 spots since the last meeting. Monson mentioned that the chipping project has been completed and just waiting on a pay estimate from Wold Engineering. Monson received a phone call from CP Railroad about temporarily closing a few crossings in Foster County. Those are the crossings on 74<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, 1<sup>st</sup> St SE, and 550 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N. Commissioner Utke made a motion to close the crossings while CP is completing their work, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented the BOCC with a Local Permit from CHI St. Alexius Health. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the local permit, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC asked Auditor Solberg to call EAPC Engineer Chris Thomas about the dewatering project around the courthouse. This discussion was put on hold until after the next agenda items were covered.

Jim Blahna, resident, approached the BOCC about a crime involving theft of property. Blahna stated that his attorney has not heard back from States Attorney Brinster. Brinster stated that she was still looking through the documentation and would contact his attorney when she was finished.

Tax Director Karen Evans gave the BOCC an update on the Vanguard Re-assessment. Vanguard has finished the residential re-assessment. Evans then gave a Planning and Zoning update. Mitch Otten has left the city of Carrington so his role on Planning and Zoning (P&Z) needed to be filled. Commissioner Utke made a motion to have Jason Wolsky replace Mitch Otten on the P&Z Board, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans brought three building permits to the BOCC. They included one for Louis Halvorson, Shawn Marcotte, and T-Mobile. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve all three building permits, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans filled out a survey of similar cities and looked at how to bill the city of Carrington. Commissioner Utke made a motion to propose \$10,000 bill to the City of Carrington for using Foster County Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans as the city assessor, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans presented the BOCC with a software update to her Farm Program. The program would be \$2,700 to upgrade. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the software upgrade, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Evans told the BOCC that soil values in Foster County have not been updated since 2012. Evans asked for a quote from Complex to do the soil values. The quote came back for \$34,000. Evans stated that she put it in her budget and would discuss more at the budget meeting.

Emergency Manager Jess Earle approached the BOCC about getting the City of Glenfield a new Siren. Earle stated that there are two ways to approach paying for the new siren. The first would be a Hazardous Mitigation grant and the second would be to use county 911 funds. Earle stated that the new siren would cost around \$20,000. The BOCC asked Earle to have a representative from the City of Glenfield come before them to request the siren.

Earle had a brief discussion on a grant that she is working on.

Earle stated that Foster County would need to sign up with LocalGovU for WSI classes. The cost would be \$760, but if the employees of Foster County participate the county will save on premiums. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve LocalGovU, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC continued with the dewatering project discussion. Commissioner Utke made a motion to award the dewatering project bid to J&R Dirtworks for \$31,950, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked Auditor Solberg if there have been any quotes brought to his office for the Public Health Building Project. Solberg stated that he has received one. Utke asked Solberg to bring that to the Building Committee meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:06pm.

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Alan Scanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners