

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 20th, 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, Commissioner Scott Beumer 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 Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6th, 2019 meeting and the August 8th, 2019 special meeting seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

28792	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	50.55
28793	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
28794	BEACH CUSTOM HAULING	150.00
28795	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	36.54
28796	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	151.75
28797	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE	745.62
28798	ERICKSON IMPLEMENT INC.	415.60
28799	FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT	470.65
28800	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	572.10
28801	JUSTIN JOHNSON	54.08
28802	LARSEN PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.	85.00
28803	MARCO, INC.	371.81
28804	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	40.08
28805	MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	332.50
28806	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE.	4,578.86
28807	OFFICE DEPOT	139.96
28808	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	14,613.15
28809	PATRIOT FUELS	715.38
28810	PHARMCHEM INC	256.95
28811	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	295.71
28812	SAVAGLIO BROS., INC.	94.95
28813	SILVER STAR INDUSTRIES	20.00
28814	SLEEP INN & SUITES	248.40
28815	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	1,400.00
28816	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	4,480.00
28817	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	76.00
28818	SYNCB/AMAZON	271.57
28819	USPS	92.00
28820	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	65,156.40
28821	WOLD ENGINEERING, P.C.	26,157.26
28822	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	28,016.56

Auditor Solberg presented the new park equipment to the BOCC. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the purchase of the new equipment for \$45,303 seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Lisa Hilbert asked to add the Alcohol Prevention Job to the agenda. Commissioner Utke asked to add an update on the ambulance building. Commissioner Hagel asked to add the siren for Glenfield. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, informed the BOCC that the road department has been trimming around signs and getting the fairgrounds mowed. Monson stated that fall mowing of county roads will start at the end of the week. Monson let the BOCC know that the work on the Miller Bridge Project started August 12th. Monson received a letter from a local landowner about installing an approach on the Grace City Road. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the approach, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson approached the BOCC with information on the purchase or lease of a skid steer. Commissioner Copenhagen made a motion to lease the Caterpillar 289d from Butler for \$5,000/year, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson received correspondence from a landowner who has a concern about culvert elevation on county highway. After having discussion, the BOCC asked States Attorney Brinster to look into it.

Tax Equalization Director Karen Evans approached the BOCC with information regarding an Ag Land evaluation. Evans enlisted help from Dustin Bakken of Komplex to help explain the reasoning for the evaluation. Bakken explained that this hasn't been done in Foster County since 2012 and that if the State Tax Office were to audit the County's ag land valuations, Foster County could possibly lose out on State Aid.

Mayor Erdmann and City Auditor Gast requested a lower amount for the Tax Assessor Contract between the City of Carrington and Foster County. Erdmann stated that the City of Carrington would be interested in paying between \$7,000-\$7,500/year for the service. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to change the contract to be for \$7,500/year for Foster County to do the assessing for the City of Carrington, seconded by Commissioner Copenhagen. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Curtis Olafson, ND Field Director for Motley Rice Consortium introduced the Opioid Litigation. Olafson gave a brief presentation about the Litigation. After some discussion, the topic was tabled until next meeting.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Hilbert went over the current job openings in the department. Applicants have been saying no to jobs due to the pay. Commissioner Hagel stated that the HR Department is not allowed to approve salary increases without first coming to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to offer the Alcohol Prevention Coordinator \$23.50/hour, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

States Attorney Brinster brought some information about share roads to the BOCC. Brinster stated that there are two ways to do share roads. The first being they can be eliminated. The second being that there would need to be JPA's between County and all townships. The BOCC decided they were not going to make a decision at this meeting.

Commissioner Utke mentioned to the BOCC that Custodian Russ Heidt had repaired a broken window at the Ambulance Building. Commissioner Hagel mentioned that the USDA Grant would not work for the City of Glenfield for their Siren. The BOCC will look into 911 funds to determine if they can be used to assist in paying for the siren.

Auditor Solberg presented two local permits to the BOCC for approval. The first was for Carrington Preschool and the second was for Carrington Youth Football. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve both permits, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners