

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 03rd, 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 20th, 2019 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

28840	BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	285.82
28841	CENTRAL CITY H20+	27.00
28842	CENTRAL CITY LUMBER INC.	942.13
28843	COMPUTER EXPRESS	65.00
28844	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC.	575.50
28845	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	325.80
28846	HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	70.00
28847	HOLLY N. ZIEMAN	315.00
28848	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	185.03
28849	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	20,901.19
28850	KAREN EVANS	172.11
28851	KOLLMAN ENTERPRISE'S	65.00
28852	LEAF	21.33
28853	MIDSTATES WIRELESS	332.50
28854	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	75.00
28855	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL- 1250	160.00
28856	OK TIRE STORE	46.90
28857	PRO-VISION VIDEO SYSTEMS	90.62
28858	QUALITY INN	169.20
28859	R. M. STOUTT	746.57
28860	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	169.20
28861	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	65.95
28862	RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	6,066.00
28863	RELENTLESS LLC	300.00
28864	RELIASTAR LIFE INS. CO. OF NY	27.01
28865	RUNNING'S SUPPLY, INC.	615.18
28866	TWO RIVERS PRINTING	80.00
28867	US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC	2,113.30
28868	USPS	1,636.95

Commissioner Utke asked to add discussion of adding a share roads committee. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Share Roads

Commissioner Scanson asked each commissioner to look at share roads and come with a solution to present to the rest of the BOCC. Commissioner Hagel stated that having each Commissioner come up with a plan would provide a good starting point to see if a committee would be needed for share roads. Commissioner Copenhaver stated share roads could be handled four different ways. Scrap it outright, have certain roads be transferred to Foster County from the townships, have a JPA with each township to set up certain roads, or leave it exactly how it currently is. Commissioner Scanson stated that he would like everyone's thoughts brought back in a month for discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver said that the BOCC needs to keep townships and county residents in mind, as North Dakota rides on the back of agriculture. Commissioner Scanson mentioned that the BOCC should have a plan in place before townships have their budget meetings for the 2021 year. Commissioner Beumer mentioned that this process will likely take some time and will not happen quickly.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, informed the BOCC that the road department has started fall mowing on County Highways. Monson mentioned that the skid steer from Butler will be delivered by the end of the week.

Monson brought the roadside mowing and hay removal notice to the BOCC. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the notice, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Monson stated that he looked at the state auction listings and there are no trucks listed at the next auction.

Auditor Solberg and States Attorney Brinster brought forward a plan from NDACo to set up a Asset Forfeiture Fund and Committee. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to set up the Asset Forfeiture Fund with the Foster County Sheriff, States Attorney and Auditor as the board members, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke mentioned to add job re-classification to the Commissioners Goals list. Utke stated that he needs help and other commissioners will need to provide input as well.

Auditor Solberg brought forward a change order request to the BOCC from J&R Dirtworks. The change order included using Polyguard instead of tar and asphalt. The change order was to cost an additional \$2,532. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All stated aye and the motion passed.

Solberg brought forward the bid list for the truck bid sale. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the high bids for each of three pieces of equipment, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC discussed joining the Opioid Litigation with Motley Rice. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to join the Opioid Litigation with Motley Rice, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson mentioned to the BOCC that he will be attending the NDSU Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday night. Scanson stated that he wanted Auditor Solberg to be a part of the interview committee as he has HR experience. Commissioner Copenhaver was approached by a member of the public stating that Foster County should share the Extension Agent position with Eddy County. Copenhaver then mentioned that he has spoken with other agents that stated it would not be a good idea to share. Commissioner Utke stated that Foster County should be open to all possible options for this open position.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Alan Scanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners