

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FOSTER COUNTY DECEMBER 8, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke via phone. Also, present were, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura, Michael Rivinius and John Martin from Wold Engineering.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Utke had one change to the November 15th, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes with one change, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy stated a check for \$8,700.00 was mailed to Butler Machinery for the skid steer as it needed to be done by December 1st. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: 34651, Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$544.29; 34652, Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 947.80; 34653, Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; 34654, Balco Uniform Co., Inc., 175.96; 34655, Bessette Motors, Inc., 222.69; 34656, Brinster Law, P.C., 326.86; 34657, Butler Machinery Company, 17,288.55; 34658, C&J Oil Company, 13,942.83; 34659, Central Business Systems, 125.00.

34660, Central City H2O+, 13.50; 34661, Central City Lumber, Inc., 3.49; 34662, CMF, 853.71; 34663, Computer Express, 1,200.00; 34664, Corean Swart, 50.00; 34665, Craig Wiesz, 15.63; 34666, Dacotah Paper Company, 49.04; 34667, Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc., 99.95; 34668, Displays2Go, 66.94; 34669, DS Solutions, 275.00.

34670, EAPC Architects Engineers, 29,446.78; 34671, Election Systems & Software, 3,688.34; 34672, Envelopes.com, 296.95; 34673, Foster County Independent, 1,447.11; 34674, Foster County Treasurer, 390.46; 34675, Gilbertson's, 3,009.00; 34676, Information Technology Dept., 986.65; 34677, John Deere Financial, 8.98; 34678, Justin Johnson, 947.45 34679, Lloyds Motors, 90.72.

34680, NAPA Auto Parts, 1,192.93; 34681, Nathan Kruse, 351.25; 34682, NDACO Resources Group, 90.00; 34683, Nickolas Oster, 129.90; 34684, Normont Equipment Co., 655.80; 34685, ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 1,168.08; 34686, Office of Attorney General - 1250, 465.00; 34687, OK Tire Store, 1,791.23; 34688, Pat Copenhaver, 152.50; 34689, Patriot Fuels, 136.16.

34690, Quill Corporation, 45.16; 34691, Rachel Stokes, 321.25; 34692, RDO Equipment Co., 248.72; 34693, Running's Supply, Inc., 474.66; 34694, Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 5,775.00; 34695, The Detail Guy, 345.00; 34696, Thomas Voglewede, 74.00; 34697, Tyler Technologies, Inc., 3,856.82; 34698, United States Treasury, 2,412.86; 34699, USPS, 1,447.40; 34700, USPS, 108.00; 34701, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., 7,150.00; 34702, William J. Gale, 725.26.

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

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit. Commissioner Hagel has spoken to a few people for grant writing and the Emergency Manager Position. If the BOCC wanted, they could do an RFP for the grant writing portion of the position. The BOCC decided to table the subject to wait and see if anyone applies in the next week or so.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Repairs to the CAT Blade tires and a few other minor repairs were stated. Snow totals from November 16th to December 8th were ten inches for the Carrington area. They've been touching up roads the last week and a half and are anticipating snowfall for next week.

Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering stopped by to visit and give an update. They are working on the road plans and waiting for updated data. There is grant money that could be used for bridges. Commissioner Hagel asked if they could look into the bridge in Foster County that is in "fair" condition.

Sheriff Justin Johnson approached the BOCC regarding some repairs needed on the garage that he and the building maintenance share. New siding and windows are needed. They received an estimate from Central City Lumber for \$2,860.81. Craig Wiesz, building maintenance, could complete the work himself. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the purchase of siding and windows for the sheriff garage, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver

- aye
- Commissioner Scanson
- aye
- Commissioner Utke (via phone) – aye Motion passed.

Alex Stedman, Foster County resident, approached the BOCC regarding the open water board position. He's received support from residents in the county and wanted to express his interest in the position. The BOCC thanked him for his interest in the Water Board. They discussed trying to have representation for all corners of the county and have spoken to a few others who would be interested in the open area. The BOCC tabled this until the next meeting.

Ellen Roundy, Interim Auditor, approached the BOCC with an update on the unsold property. The City is aware of the property and will discuss what they would like to do at their December 12th meeting. Bordulac Bar and Grill submitted their beer and liquor license for 2023. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented an agreement for FEMA-4660-DR on behalf of Emergency Manager Devereaux. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve and sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented a fee schedule that the Auditor's office and Commissioner Hagel have been working on. This compiles all fees that each department would charge for services. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Discussion included Commissioner Hagel stating that she would like to look at planning and zoning fees to change and update for the 2024 year. Commissioner Scanson also felt that the increase to RV spots was too much of a jump for one year. The BOCC decided to review and research a few of the fees and table until the next meeting. Roundy provided the BOCC with the 2023 Commissioner Meeting schedule. All meetings will continue to be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM. One conflict was the Fourth of July. The first meeting in July will be held on Wednesday, July fifth. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept the 2023 schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Roundy and Wiesz had met via zoom with Civil Engineers from EAPC regarding the sewer and water pipes to and from the building. EAPC asked how the BOCC would like to handle the bid process. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to bid with no change orders included, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Trees that are located directly to the East of the building could cause conflicts depending on pipe location. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to remove the trees verses work around them if it becomes an issue, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. EAPC reached out to Jet-Way to have them provide an estimate to work on the location and quality of the current sewer and water pipes coming in and leaving the building. The estimate is for \$2,180.00. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the work from Jet-Way, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke (via phone) – aye Motion passed.

The last item EAPC had was trying to determine the depth of the pipes. Wiesz did contact the City of Carrington to see if they could complete the work. The city can complete the work, however with the current temps they will not be able to get to it until it warms up. Roundy will contact Jason Wolksy with the city to determine if there is a cost associated with the work and will update the BOCC. Commissioner Hagel spoke about the History book fund that was transferred into the general fund. She would like to see these funds go to the Historical Society to help cover the gap on levying that they will not be able to receive until the 2024 year. She was concerned about setting a precedent, but felt this would be a very specific, one-time payment. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve giving the Historical Society \$5,000 from which they had requested earlier this year, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke (via phone) – aye Motion passed.

Commissioner Utke spoke on planning and zoning permit signs. Most counties as you enter on major highways, have posted signs. Discussion was had and tabled for now. Nothing new to report for the Foster County tower maintenance. No new information for the door system. Roundy will send the information to EAPC to ensure there will be no issues with the wiring and basement project.

Commissioner Hagel provided the BOCC with an update on costs to replace two doors at the ambulance building and flooring. The BOCC will contact Wiesz to see if he is able to evaluate the floor and determine what is laid underneath. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to replace the two steel doors at the ambulance building for \$4,146.20 and table the flooring expenses, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye

Commissioner Utke (via phone) – aye Motion passed. The ambulance building meeting was cancelled, nothing new to report. No committee reports. Commissioner Scanson reiterated how important it is to continue having employees in the office, helping the community, especially the elderly, for social services. Commissioner Utke is working on the commission reoccurring calendar. The BOCC discussed their current appointments. Commissioner Scanson offered to take planning and zoning from Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Utke was good with that. Commissioner Beumer will be an alternate for the safety committee. Commissioner Hagel motioned they continue with the same rotation making Commissioner Scanson the Foster County Chairman and Commissioner Utke the Vice-Chairman effective January 1st, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC will have a special meeting on Thursday, December 29th at 3:30 PM to wrap up year end items.

At 5:10 PM the BOCC conducted an interview with Wold Engineering for the request for proposal for project BRJ-0016(019). The BOCC ranked the questions and will submit to the required party for approval. The interview ended and Commissioner Beumer made a motion to accept Wold Engineering's proposal and award them the project, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.

December 20, 2022

At 3:30pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were, States Attorney Kara Brinster, Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Bills: 34720, Avid Hawk, LLC, \$35.00; 34721, Briss Oil Company, 285.30; 34722, Butler Machinery Company, 241.48; 34723, Central Business Systems, 176.25; 34724, Central City Lumber, Inc., 7,030.50; 34725, Computer Express, 1,200.00; 34726, Foster County Historical, 5,000.00; 34727, Foster County Treasurer, 409.12; 34728, Hailey Bachmeier, 85.00; 34729, Lisa D. Hilbert, 208.00.

34730, Maertens Welding and Machine Company, 1,059.27; 34731, ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 396.85; 34732, OK Tire Store, 67.50; 34733, Quident Leasing USA, Inc., 417.00; 34734, Quality Inn, 529.20; 34735, Schulz PLBG., HTG. A/C, Inc., 21.50; 34736, Tony's Repair, 1,401.72.

Commissioner Hagel requested to add grant for bridges under the Road Department discussion. Commissioner Utke requested to add road signs under the Road Department discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit. Commissioner Hagel stated they have an interview set up for the Emergency Manager position. Depending on the applicant, they could still look at splitting out the grant writing portion of the position.

New Business

Commissioner Copenhaver presented the BOCC with updates for the Road Department. There are repairs that need to be made to Truck #4 and Truck #5, both trucks are at the shop. Building repairs are needed for the Grace City and Glenfield Shop. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve repair work for the Grace City and Glenfield Shop, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye Motion passed. Snow total for De-

ember 12th through December 20th was twenty-seven inches. Commissioner discussion was had on a newer plow for the Road Department. When purchased from the state, the trucks are usually fifteen to twenty years old. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to allow Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, permission to look into costs of a newer plow truck, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel stated that there could be some grant money available for infrastructure. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to allow Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering, permission to work on the next major projects the county will have, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke has sent information to the Foster County Planning and Zoning board to install signs at the major entrances to the county for building permits. If approved by the planning and zoning board, the BOCC would have to make a decision on it. Commissioner Utke stated that the road department worked as quickly as they could under the conditions to remove snow. If any residents have questions or concerns, they should reach out to the BOCC as the road department follows the policy that is put in place by the BOCC. Monson listed a thank you to all those that have helped during and after the past storm and to the Foster County residents that are understanding of the work that goes into clearing the roads during a blizzard.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, approached the BOCC with an Environmental Health Contract with Central Valley Health. This is the same contract as before, with the exception of increased costs per person. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye Motion passed.

Hilbert presented the BOCC with an extension of the Covid-19 grant. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the grant, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert presented a SAPCG agreement. This is primarily alcohol funding through NDDHS with an extension of the funding. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with two liquor license approvals. One for Crossroads Golf Course for Beer, Wine, and Liquor and one for Cows & Co. Creamery for Beer and Wine. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve both licenses, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy gave an update for the unsold property from the delinquent tax sale. It will stay on the tax roll until paid or someone decides to purchase the property. Roundy presented a payment to the City of Carrington for previous Road levy payments not submitted. Prior payments were made for years 2009, 2010, 2014 and 2015. The total amount due for the City of Carrington for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 is \$4,312.52. The 2011, 2012 and 2013 total for the City of Grace City is: \$134.51 City of Glenfield: \$90.93 and City of McHenry: \$49.09. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to send payment to the City of Carrington, and the three smaller cities, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye Motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver asked if the BOCC could look at the Club Hall Road. Commissioner Scanson stated this would fall under the work that Michael Rivinius is working on for the county. The BOCC looked at a few changes to the fee schedule and will reassess at the special meeting at the end of the year. The BOCC decided to table the water board position. There is nothing new to report for the Foster County tower maintenance. No new business for the door security system. EAPC is aware of the potential for upgrades to the door system and will have someone from their team look into the wiring. Commissioner Utke has spoken with EAPC for the building project, they are hoping to set up a video meeting soon to be able to start working on bids. EAPC is aware of concerns to the old shop in Carrington and the Public Health building but are focusing on wrapping up what is needed for the basement of the courthouse. Commissioner Utke stated the ambulance building would like the BOCC to come up with an agreement for them to take to corporate on responsibilities of the two parties. The next ambulance building meeting will be on January 9th, Commissioner Utke would like to see the BOCC have something put together by then. Commissioner Hagel stated price for the flooring in the south

room of the ambulance building is \$4,625.56 and the office/shower floors is \$1,289.47 for a total of \$5,915.03. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the purchase of flooring to be completed in 2022 with labor to start in 2023, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye Motion passed.

No new business for committee reports. Commissioner Utke presented the BOCC with a reoccurring calendar. He reviewed minutes from the last five years and compiled a list to help the BOCC. The BOCC will review and approve at a later date. With no further business, Commissioner Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:48pm.

December 29, 2022

At 3:30 pm, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson, and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Interim Auditor Ellen Roundy, States Attorney Kara Brinster and Foster County Independent reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of year end bills. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

34756, 701 Wash, \$180.00; 34757, Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 235.75; 34758, Balco Uniform Co., Inc., 60.00; 34759, Brinster Law, P.C., 153.31.

34760, Butler Machinery Company, 190.01; 34761, Carrington Motors, Inc., 306.82; 34762, Central Business Systems, 391.94; 34763, Central City Lumber, Inc., 152.98; 34764, Central City Lumber, Inc., 5,915.03; 34765, City of Carrington, 4,312.52; 34766, City of Glenfield, 90.93; 34767, City of Grace City, 134.51; 34768, City of McHenry, 49.09; 34769, CMF, 1,878.21.

34770, Craig Wiesz, 43.75; 34771, Dacotah Paper Company, 289.61; 34772, EAPC Architects Engineers, 20,433.23; 34773, Farmers Union Insurance, 43.00; 34774, Foster County Independent, 1,620.07; 34775, John Deere Financial, 174.26; 34776, LEAF, 64.00; 34777, ND Association of Counties, 20,773.24; 34778, NDACO Resources Group, 70.00; 34779, North Dakota State University, 296.35; 34780, Otis Elevator Company, 1,365.48; 34781, Running's Supply, Inc., 467.50; 34782, Underground Vaults & Storage, 200.00.

Interim Auditor Roundy presented the BOCC with a liquor license for Cork and Barrel (DBA Hiway Off sale). Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy also had a Joint Powers Agreement to be signed by the Chairman for South Central Dakota Regional Council. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve and sign, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel discussed changes to the fee schedule with the BOCC. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the fee schedule with changes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Equipment Operator position is still open, and they will post an ad in the paper. A private contractor had called Commissioner Utke regarding piling snow at the fairgrounds. The BOCC chose to reserve this space for the county and the city for overflow.

The BOCC discussed how to proceed with the snowfall received to date and expected snowfall early next week. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the below statement to be posted, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The Foster County Road Department has worked tirelessly the last few weeks tiring and moving snow when conditions allowed. They run routes from guidance set in place by the Foster County Commissioners. Please be advised and take this as warning to be prepared for any upcoming snow. If conditions are unfavorable the plows will not run as it does not do the taxpayers of Foster County justice to spend time, money, and resources until conditions allow. Any questions or concerns need to be directed to your township board or County Commissioners. Please plan accordingly. We thank the road crew for their work and appreciate your understanding on the issue.

Interim Auditor Roundy has been working with Dickey County EM on an Emergency Resources Contracting Agreement. This will be sent out to all townships and contractors that are completing pushback for the county. The BOCC is expecting to declare an Emergency Declaration to receive help with the snowfall. Commissioner Scanson proposed purchasing a snow pusher for the front of the loader for \$4,600.00 from Linville Industries. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call

vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye Motion passed.

Commissioner Hagel presented the BOCC with a legislative update. She urged the Commissioners to sign up for the blog to receive updates.

With no further business, Chairman Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor
Pat Copenhaver, Chairman
Foster County Board of Commissioners
(Publish January 16, 2023)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 23171
Project No(s): NH-3-200(030)313
Length: 0.362
Type: GRADE RAISE, EMBANKMENT, HMA, SIGNING, & PAVEMENT MARKING
County(s): FOSTER Co
Location: ND 200, 1.5 MI E OF CMC 1621 E TO NEAR 87TH AVE NE
Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, February 03, 2023. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state. For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978. Requested by: Ron Henke, P.E., Director North Dakota Department of Transportation
(Publish January 16, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE IN DISTRICT COURT, FOSTER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF ALEXIS FAITH RUSHLOW

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition will be filed with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the Petitioner's name of Alexis Faith Rushlow (current full, legal name) to Alexis Faith Kulsrud (requested full, legal name).

2. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the Petitioner's name. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2023.

Alexis Rushlow
143 Stella Street
Glenfield, ND 58443
(Publish January 16, 2023)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE IN DISTRICT COURT, FOSTER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF SHELLEY RENEE RUSHLOW

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition will be filed with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the Petitioner's name of Shelley Renee Rushlow (current full, legal name) to Shelly Renee Kulsrud (requested full, legal name).

2. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the Petitioner's name. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2023.

Shelley Rushlow
143 Stella Street
Glenfield, ND 58443
(Publish January 16, 2023)

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Public Notice

FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CARRINGTON DECEMBER 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Al Trader, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Leo Ryan, Pam Jerome and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Public Works Director Jason Wolsky and Police Chief Christopher Bittmann. Also present: Ken Wangen and Leasa Lura.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pederson, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held November 14, 2022, unnoticed meeting held November 28, 2022, and Special meeting held December 8, 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve consent agenda items:

a. To ratify the following game of chance permit issued by the City Auditor: #989 to Knights of Columbus for a sports pool.

b. To approve the following 2023 licenses:

2023 House Moving License: Carrington House Moving Inc.

2023 Gas Fitter's Licenses: Sherman Plumbing & Heating, M & C Plumbing & Heating, Rusty Kollman, Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co., Larsen Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., Schulz Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., and Mike Larson Plumbing & Heating

2023 Plumbing Licenses: Schulz Plumbing & Heating AC Inc., Sherman Plumbing & Heating, M & C Plumbing & Heating, Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co., Larsen Plumbing & Heating AC Inc. and Mike Larson Plumbing & Heating.

2023 Beer & Liquor Licenses: Shamrock Bar- Steve Nicholson, Chieftain, Headlock's -DK Freeman, LLC, Central City Lanes, Casey's Retail Company DBA Casey's General Store #3364, CBS- Cole & Cindy Broadwell, Garden Gate - Leann Vogelwede, Five Spot- Scott & Celine Fetch, and Cobblestone -Pending receipt of payment.

2023 Trailer Coach Park License:

Sunset Court- Dustin Hinrichs
2023 Tree Contractor License: Teves Construction and Three Crosses Tree Services.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Olson, to approve Mayor Erdmann and Auditor Gast sign contract with Daniel Schwartz of Nexus Contract Proposal after modifications from Attorney Ryan.

The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve Progressive Estimate #2 to Bohman Trenching for \$55,383.30.

The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Pederson, to approve a resolution establishing fee schedules effective January 1, 2023 as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Trader, to approve updated Personnel Policy 4.05 Overtime as presented. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Smith, Pederson, Roundy, Trader, and Olson. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich to approve year end transfers as presented.

From General 100, to Fire 226, Amount \$40,485.00, reason 5 mills budgeted; from General 100, to Equipment 318, Amount \$15,000.00, reason PW Equip budgeted; from CED 325, to Water 601, Amount \$50,000.00, reason Debt Service; from Sales Tax 228, to Water 601, Amount \$17,704.00, reason Inert Landfill; from Water 601, to Inert Reserve 614, Amount \$2,678.00, reason Reserve requirements; from Sales Tax 218, to St Imp 14-1 351, Amount \$300,000.00, reason Offset Specials; from City Share Specials 203, St Imp 14-2 352, Amount \$26,094.73, reason 20% City Share; from Armory 222, to General 100, Amount \$1,345.20, reason Zero out fund/voided check.

The following voted in favor: Olson, Pederson, Trader, Smith, Fandrich, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported they had 4 calls since the last report. Wangen shared information about the State Fire Marshal, and NDFA. He also reported they had around 30 kids do Holiday with Hero's and it went well, and they also did the Parade of lights.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann informed council they had met today and discussed financials, additional Prairie Dog funds received in the amount of \$500,000, library received a grant of \$15,000.00 from Tom Beck family, forestry grant received in the amount of \$12,000.00, holiday gift to city staff, reviewed sales tax numbers, Jill Edinger has been hired as the new part time Administrative Assistant and will start on January 3rd, and approval of holiday time payout of Police Department

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, to approve \$125.00 holiday gift in appreciation to all full time and permanent part-time employees to be ran through with the next payroll. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Pederson, Fandrich, Olson, and Trader.

Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve paying out the Police holiday hours (Bittmann- 12 hours, Ormiston - 12 hours, Kapp-24 hours, and Schlak - 24 hours) retroactive to November, at the next payroll. The following voted in favor: Trader, Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, Pederson, and Olson. Against: None.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Pederson, to amend the previous motion of the June 14, 2021 Council meeting, to Swenseth Properties LLC DBA High Plains Equipment, and increase the loan amount of Swenseth Properties to \$1,550,000.00 with a 5 year interest buy down under a 25 year amortization schedule with the amount of the city's portion being \$85,714.28 to be repaid under the current program terms of a lump sum repayment or over three to five years at 3% interest, per program guidelines, with Mayor Erdmann being granted authority to sign the BND documents. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Fandrich, Olson, Pederson, Trader, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Fandrich, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive to Connor & Mariah Weber, for \$3,000.00 cash and \$3,000.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Trader, Olson, Smith, Pederson, and Roundy. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve CCEDC's recommendation for a first time home buying incentive

to Kyle Smith, for \$1,500.00 cash and \$1,500.00 in Carrington cash, per program guidelines. The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they had met on December 8th, Interstate Engineering gave an update on runway & taxiway rehabilitation project and reported Knife River Construction will be back in the spring to do some touchups on the ends of runway, have been doing snow removal, working on west hanger outside lights & south east pole lights, and the gas furnace in the new hanger has been acting up.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Roundy reported that Vern Anderson's term on the board is expiring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Trader reported they had met this evening and discussed: the new pick up is in, however, equipment is 6-8 weeks out, holiday pay, had one applicant but it didn't turn out, and Holiday with the Hero's went well.

TREE BOARD:

Councilman Smith reported they had met December 1st, they are wrapping up everything for 2022 season, and we took down 44 trees and replaced with 25 trees.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported they had met tonight and discussed: water loop project contract extension, Hagel storm water, SIRM 2020 water tower antennae, curb stops being fixed, water break on 1st St N & 13th, moving snow, lift station #6 repairs are completed, Dakota Growers sewer line may have been damaged when boring the water line, armory boiler passed inspection, and city hall heating and cooling system.

A motion was made by Trader, seconded by Fandrich, to move forward Kelly Hagel storm water project. The property next to Hagel's, Economic Development paid for the platting of the easement and engineering of the easement. Economic Development was going to pay for the actual drawing and contact with the local water board with a total of \$2,675. Kelly requested finding of pins and setting elevation. We don't have total of what that is with \$1,825 remaining to cover that expense with Interstate Engineering billing Hagel for any amounts above this. PW agreed with moving forward and Kelly did agree to give City an easement in NW corner of lot 1 to make that radius. The road will be a 36 foot minimum maintenance street/avenue not of normal dimensions. Additional funds up to the \$4,500 total will be spent on the Hagel project.

The following voted in favor: Olson, Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Trader, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:
Mayor Erdmann told council there were no building permits issued since last report.

A motion was made by Pederson seconded by Roundy, to approve the committee reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda. Trader made a motion, seconded by Olson, to amend the previous motion to add Employee recognition 5.29 not being done with Carrington Cash and instead being put on employee's payroll with an additional 25% for taxes and a recommendation to change years of service policy for January. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Trader, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Pederson,

seconded by Olson, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Bills: 336, NDPERS, \$312.50; 337, United States Treasury, 9,290.63; 338, NDPERS, 12,276.30; 339, NDPERS, 312.50; 27033, AT&T Mobility, 357.13; 27034, Unum Life Insurance Company, 83.01; 27035, Postmaster, 311.74; 27036, LEAF, 55.00; 27037, LEAF, 226.00; 27038, Jamestown Communications, 1, 100.00; 27039, Aqua-Pure, Inc., 1,245.80.

27040, Pyrozhak, Oleksandr, 58.64; 27041, Amazon, 1,428.37; 27042, American Public Works Association, 229.00; 27043, Aramark, 289.49; 27044, Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 4,986.89; 27045, Balco Uniform Co., 691.61; 27046, Bank Forward, 25.00; 27047, Bank of North Dakota, 8,238.49; 27048, Barnes & Noble, 576.09; 27049, Bessette Motors, Inc., 141.68.

27050, Bittmann, Christopher, 482.99; 27051, Carrington Park District, 1,538.93; 27052, Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corporation,

51,500.00; 27053, Carrington Motor, Inc., 121.00; 27054, Carrington City Library Petty Cash, 128.18; 27055, Central Business Systems, 98.03; 27056, Carrington Chamber of Commerce, 5,000.00; 27057, Chieftain Conference Center, 47.75; 27058, City of Carrington - Meter D, 241.36.

27060, C&J Oil Co., 1,586.62; 27061, Carrington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 3,738.42; 27062, Dakota Central Telecom I, 998.64; 27063, Dalsted & Ryan, P.C., 3,082.50; 27064, Demco, 296.23; 27065, Dollar General, 2,367.50; 27066, Ecolab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70; 27067, Dakota Supply Group, Fargo W, 527.65; 27068, Farmer's Union Service Association, 26,025.00; 27069, Foster County Independent, 511.12.

27070, Foster County Treasurer, 7,352.66; 27071, Gussiaas Electric LLC, 7,841.15; 27072, Hawkins, Inc., 30.00; 27073, Information Technology Dept., 47.75; 27074, Interstate Engineering, Inc., 2,254.50; 27075, Carrington Economic Development, 34,302.58; 27076, Leevers

Foods, 113.52; 27077, Macker, Richard, 1,500.00; 27078, Montana Dakota Utilities, 3,191.75; 27079, NAPA Auto Parts, 393.80;

27080, ND Dept. of Health, 37.08; 27081, NDLC - North Dakota League of Cities, 2,098.00; 27082, One Call Concepts, 3.90; 27083, ND State Tax Commissioner, 5,109.45; 27084, ND Water Users Association, 300.00; 27085, Northern Plains Electric Co., 782.36; 27086, North-Central Rental & Leasing, 20,564.81; 27087, Ottertail Power Co., 8,268.88; 27088, Patriot Fuels, 1,784.05; 27089, Pitney Bowes Global Finance, 142.53.

27090, Running's Supply, Inc., 2,351.21; 27091, Schulz Plumbing & Heating, 90.98; 27092, Sherman Plumbing & Heating, 170.00; 27093, Waste Management of ND, 28,000.00.

Payroll: December 16, 2022, \$19,963.95; December 30, 2022, \$32,767.52.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor

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Wildlife feeding concerns in winter

Tough winter conditions thus far in North Dakota have some citizens concerned about the stress on wildlife.

Kevin Kading, state Game and Fish Department private land section leader, said harsh winters often generate conversations and questions about feeding wildlife, particularly deer and pheasants.

"The department does not promote winter feeding and does not have a winter-feeding program," Kading said. "We recognize that many people care deeply about wildlife, and it can be difficult to watch nature play out, but feeding operations, good intentions and all, can actually do more harm for wildlife than good."

Supplemental winter feeding does not benefit entire populations. In-

dividuals and smaller groups of animals may receive some benefit, but often there are negative impacts such as congregating animals, drawing animals from long distances and away from good winter cover, increased predation, disease concerns, spreading of noxious weeds and feeding costs.

A poorly conducted feeding operation can kill more animals than it helps. For example, feeding animals on or near roadways can lead to wildlife-vehicle collisions. Providing feed that is too "hot" for deer, such as corn, which is high in sugars and starch, can lead to acidosis, rumenitis and ultimately death. And even individuals with the best of intentions who start feeding wildlife early

in the winter often stop due to the amount of time and expense required, leading to the loss of animals that have become dependent on the handouts.

While it's not uncommon for wildlife to die from exposure to cold, they rarely die from starvation. Knowing this, the department promotes habitat development that can provide critical winter thermal cover. Food plots should also be considered and planted near adequate winter cover. One alternative to feeding wildlife is for landowners, wildlife clubs and others to plow open areas of harvested grain or row crop fields to allow animals access to waste grains and other materials. These areas are also the first to melt when there is a break in the weather.

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