FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

PROPOSED PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION, COMBINA-TION AND APPOINTMENT OF **OFFICES OF FOSTER COUNTY** AUDITOR AND FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER

As part of the obligation of the Board of County Commissioners of Foster County to oversee the operations of Foster County and to maximize the resources and minimize the expenses of the operation of Foster County, the Board of County Commissioners for Foster County have analyzed the functions of the Treasurer's Office and examined the benefits and detriments of consolidating and combining the Treasurer's Office for Foster County with the Foster County Auditor's Office.

This consolidation/combination is authorized by NDCC Chapter 11.10.2.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S **OFFICE**

The duties ascribed to the Treasurer's Office are contained in the North Dakota Century Code generally, in NDCC Chapter 11-14, and specifically in NDCC §11-14-08. Essentially, the Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditures for tax monies and other revenues that come into the Treasurer's hands. The Treasurer prepares daily statements of all receipts and disbursements and files a copy with the Auditor's Office together with copies of all receipts written. The Treasurer also invests the county funds and pays all just and proper county obligations. The Treasurer maintains adequate accounting records of all investments. The Treasurer apportions the funds collected on behalf of political subdivisions within the county for remittance to the appropriate districts. The Treasurer works with the Auditor's Office and the Recorder's Office on the transfer of real estate and the maintenance of real estate records.

EXISTING ORGANIZATION

The existing organization of the County Treasurer's Office includes the Treasurer. The Treasurer has the overall responsibility for the operation of the office, supervision of the employees of the office and fulfillment of all statutory duties. The Treasurer can be assisted by a Deputy Treasurer in clerical and accounting functions including the day-to-day handling of money, preparing, balancing and making daily bank deposits, and reconciling periodic statements of the County's bank statements. Clerical duties include the receipt of property taxes, posting payments in the computer, issuing both property tax receipts and miscellaneous collection receipts and making entries on the tax roll.

FUNCTION

The County Treasurer has the primary functions of collection of taxes, issuing receipts, apportioning collections, acting as the custodian of funds and monitoring county investments. The Treasurer maintains a filing system of all taxpayers in Foster County. Secondary functions include counter service to the public and providing tax related information to banking institutions, realtors, attorneys, and others involved in real property activities.

PROCEDURES

In order to meet the required governmental services in the Treasurer's Office, the Treasurer and staff undertake daily monitoring of investments and receipts by office personnel, use of telephone, computers, calculators, copy machines, file cabinets and other essential office equipment. The Treasurer and staff also answer questions from the public and government agencies or staff. The procedures followed by the Treasurer's Office have been established from the collective experience of previous Treasurers and employees enhanced by training and education provided by the Association of Counties and others in a continuing effort to improve efficiency when possible.

ANALYSIS OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The duties of the County Auditor are contained in the North Dakota Century Code generally, in NDCC Chapter 11-13, and specifically in NDCC §11-13-02. The County Auditor is the chief financial officer of the county, responsible for keeping complete and detailed records of all financial transactions of the county, including preparation of the County Budget, monthly business transactions including management of claims against the county and preparation of financial statements. The Auditor calculates mill levies for all taxing districts, prepares the tax lists, maintains outstanding tax missioners for Foster County prolists, administers tax title actions, and conducts tax sales. The Auditor is the Secretary of the Board of County Commissioners and related county boards and committees and serves as the Election Administrator with responsibility for all phases of federal, state and local elections.

EXISTING ORGANIZATION

The existing organization of the Auditor's Office consists of the County Auditor and one Chief Deputy Auditor. The Auditor has the principal responsibility for the operation of the offices, supervision of employees and fulfillment of all statutory duties. The Auditor maintains the property tax assessment rolls and certifies the property tax status for real estate transactions. The Auditor also serves as the Risk Manager, IT Director and fulfills all Human Resource duties. The Deputy Auditors perform detailed technical work in fulfilling

Public Notice Treasurer shall move from being several annual functions including foreclosing on tax delinquent

properties and the preparation and execution of payroll. Together, the Auditor and Deputy Auditor perform a wide range of complex accounting functions, with responsibility for revenue accounts and distribution of political subdivision and district taxes to respective treasurers. The office maintains the accounts payable and payroll records. The Auditor and Deputy Auditor maintain voter records, conduct the election training as provided by statute, and assist with all elections.

FUNCTIONS

The County Auditor has several primary functions performed by no other agency or department, including property tax levy calculations, county-wide elections, preparation of the county budget, financial management and record keeping. The secondary functions of the office include serving as Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners as well as other boards and commissions. The office also serves as a central management department, manages permits and service contracts with other entities. The Auditor carries out the directives of the Board of County Commissioners.

PROCEDURES

The procedures established for providing the governmental service are carried about daily by the Auditor and Chief Deputy Auditor using an assortment of procedures established over the years. Routine office procedures are accomplished with the use of telephones, computers, calculators, copy machine, file cabinets and other essential office equipment as provided by the County. Training and education are provided through the Association of Counties and other entities to improve efficiency whenever possible.

THE PLAN

The Board of County Compose to combine, consolidate, and appoint the offices of the Foster County Treasurer and Foster County Auditor into one office called the Foster County Auditor/Treasurer, effective September 1, 2023, unless any officials affected by the combination or consolidation agree to an earlier combination. The plan would involve the following changes:

1. All of the statutory duties of a County Treasurer will be assigned to the County Auditor.

2. The position formerly held by the Treasurer will be replaced by a part-time Deputy Treasurer.

3. Overall management and supervisory responsibility of the employees working to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer and Auditor will be assigned to the County Auditor.

4. The term of "Treasurer" shall be changed to coincide with that of the Auditor.

5. The office of County Auditor/

an elected position to an appointed position to broaden the county's option in fulfilling the county's responsibilities in this area. Because the position of the Foster County Auditor and Foster County Treasurer is now elective, not requiring training, qualifications, or experience in accepted accounting practices, the Board of Commissioner desire to have the Foster County Auditor/Treasurer office position to have qualifications, prior accounting experience and training prior to holding the position of Auditor/ Treasurer to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of county government and it's responsiveness and accountability to local citizens.

6. The citizens of Foster County have the right of referral of this plan as described in NDCC §11-10.2-02.

PROPOSED OFFICE ORGANIZATION

The consolidation and combination of the County Auditor's and County Treasurer's offices are intended to increase efficiency and reduce costs for providing services required of both offices, without reducing the quality of service of either. The physical offices are adjacent, which provides easy access between the two offices. The staff has worked together in the past during peak times in the offices (Tax Season) as well as in the preparation of tax rolls. With the resignation of the County Treasurer, it appears to be an opportune time to combine the offices so that future employees can be further trained in the duties common to both offices' requirements. The Auditor will be assigned all statutory duties of the Treasurer, to be performed in addition to the duties of the Auditor. The Commissioners will continue to provide necessary staff, office space and equipment necessary to perform the functions of both offices.

EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY

The effectiveness of the consolidated and combined offices will be improved through centralized management. The duties assigned both offices will be carried out in a manner consistent with law and without duplication between two independently appointed officials. The efficiency will be improved by:

1. Centralized management that will ensure consistent policies and procedures among the two major financial offices in Foster County 2. Cross training of personnel

to provide improved service to the public. Cross-training would also provide the necessary 'checks and balances' that is an integral part of the system.

With the increased automation of county government, it is the belief of the Board of County Commissioners for Foster County that now is the opportune time to combine and appoint the offices to improve efficiency and reduce duplication. (Publish August 14 & 21, 2023)

INVITATION TO BID Date: August 1, 2023 Sealed Bids will be received by

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Owner) at its Headquarters, 401 Hwy 281 NE, mailing address PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on September 7, 2023, for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. Transmission Pipeline East. Bordulac to James River, Foster County, ND, Task Order 5533, Contract 5C.

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed Work is generally described as follows:

Construction of approximately 43,000 feet of 72-inch diameter steel water pipeline, including two 96-inch diameter trenchless creek/ river crossings and one 96-inch diameter trenchless gas line crossing. Strict segregation and stockpiling of topsoil and subsoil for pipe installation will be required. The work also includes an impressed current pipeline corrosion protection system, pipeline appurtenances, and all other work specified or shown on the Drawings.

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with Garrison Diversion Conservancv District, 401 Hwy 281 NE, mailing address PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421.

The contact person for administrative questions with Garrison Diversion is Ms. Stacev Gussiaas at 701-652-3194 or email at staceyg@gdcd.org. For technical bidding document interpretations and clarifications, the contact person is Mr. Kip Kovar. District Engineer. at 701-652-3194 or kipk@gdcd.org.

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at Owner's office or the office of Black & Veatch Corporation, 8400 Ward Parkway, mailing address PO Box 8405, Kansas City, MO 64114, Mondav through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available for download at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital documents for \$50 by inputting Quest Project No. 8550074 on the website's project search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn. com for assistance in free registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

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Digital documents may also be obtained directly from the Owner at a cost of \$75.

Charges for digital Bidding Documents are not refundable.

Direct all questions regarding distribution of Bidding Documents or the Project's design to the Owner. Only responses issued via Addenda are binding.

Neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any bid documents obtained from any source other than the sources indicated in these documents. Obtaining these documents from any other source(s) may result in obtaining incomplete and inaccurate information. Obtaining these documents from any source other than directly from the sources listed herein may also result in failure to receive any addenda, corrections, or other revisions to these documents that may be issued.

The bidder shall be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by section

43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). Bids that do not fully comply with requirements of NDCC 48-01.2-05 are considered deficient and will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

Bids will be received on a unit price basis; bid security must accompany Bid.

All Bids will be made based on cash payment for such work and materials. All Bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the Bids. The Owner reserves the right to hold the three lowest Bids for a period of 45 days after the date of the Bid opening to complete financial arrangements.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form for acceptance of the Bid.

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Duane DeKrey, General Manager (Publish August 7 & 14, & 21, 2023)

-----The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2023-2024 Small Game, Furbearer and Waterfowl Seasons. Closes Daily Limit Poss. Limit Species Opens

Species			Closes	Daily Limit		
Crows (Fall)		Aug. 19	Nov. 06		There is no limit on crows	
		Mar. 09	Apr. 21	limit d	on crows	
Early Canada Geese (Missouri River Zone)		Aug. 15	Sept. 07	45	45	
Early Canada Geese (Western Zone)		Aug. 15	Sept. 15	15	45	
Early Canada Geese		Aug. 15	Sept. 22			
Doves		Sept. 01	Nov. 29	15	45	
Hungarian Partridge		Sept. 09	Jan. 07	3	12	
Sharp-tailed Grouse		Sept. 09	Jan. 07	3	12	
Ruffed Grouse		Sept. 09	Jan. 07	3	12	
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Tree Squirrels		Sept. 09	Feb. 29		12	
Sage Grouse				ason closed		
Snipe		Sept. 09	Dec. 03	8	24	
Woodcock		Sept. 23	Nov. 06	3	9	
Sandhill Cranes (Unit 1)		Sept. 16	Nov. 12	3	9	
Sandhill Cranes (Unit 2)		Sept. 16	Nov. 12	2	6	
Tundra Swan		Sept. 30	Dec. 31	Season lir	nit one swan	
2,200 licenses issued by lottery (de			iq. 16)		be tagged	
Pinnated Grouse (ason closed		
		Sept. 09	Oct. 01			
Male Pheasant (yo	aulor accord			3	12	
Male Pheasant (regular season)		Oct. 07	Jan. 07			
Mountain Lion (Zone 1 Early) (hunting)			Nov. 26	0		
Mountain Lion (Zone 1 Late) (hunting)			Mar. 31	One per sea	son - restricted	
Mountain Lion (Zone 2) (hunting)		Sept. 01	Mar. 31	0.000		
Fisher (trapping or cable devices)		Nov. 27	Dec. 03		son - restricted	
River Otter (trapping	g or cable devices)	Nov. 27	Mar. 15	One per sea	son - restricted	
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White-Fronted Ge	ese	Sept. 23	Dec. 03	3	9	
Canada Geese (Mi	issouri River Zone)	Sept. 23	Dec. 29	5	15	
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NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY LAND OWNED BY FOSTER COUNTY

Foster County will sell to the highest bidder by sealed bids, with the two highest bidders having the opportunity to orally raise their bid at sale time, the following tract of land located in Foster County, and described as follows:

12:00PM the following Tuesday, September 5th, 2023.

Only sealed bids, submitted on an official bid form, will be accepted. Bid forms can be found on the Foster County Website (fostercounty.com) or the Auditor's Office. Terms of the sale will be cash,

300 Fargo, ND 58102

PHONE: (701) 461-7222

OUTLINE OF PROJECT. Base Bid shall include the remodel of approximately 6,267 SF of the existing Lower Level of Foster County

quired by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing Board. Cash, cashier's checks or certified checks will not be accepted. See Instructions to Bidders 00 1000, Article. 7.

NORTH DAKOTA LAW. All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as provided by North Dakota Century Code Section 43 07-05; and no bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and licenses, and any bid deficient in these respects submitted will be re sealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

A strip of land Fifty (50) rods wide, lying along the West Side of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Four (4), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, of Range Sixty-five (65) West, containing Fifty (50) Acres, more or less'

*Legal descriptions taken from a previously recorded document

The property is being sold "as is", subject to the following conditions:

1) The sale is subject to all easements of record;

2) The State of North Dakota is the owner of "all historical, archaeological, and paleontological materials on or beneath the surface, and all right, title, interest, and claim to all minerals, whether now known or unknown, including but not limited to oil, gas, casinghead gas, casinghead gasoline, all liquid hydrocarbons, sulfur, coal, sodium sulfate, chemical substances, metallic ores, and uranium and other ores containing fissionable materials, in, under, and that may be produced from" the above property

The purchase is responsible for payment of all real estate taxes and special assessments (current or delinquent), if any, hereto fore or hereafter levied against said real estate:

4) The property is being sold without any warranty as to title.

All bidders should inspect the property and inform themselves of existing conditions, and conditions of the sale prior to submitting a bid. The sale will be held at 3:00 P.M. (CST) on September 5th, 2023, in the Commissioner Room of the Foster County Courthouse, 1000 5th St N, Carrington, ND. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and announced at 3:00 P.M. (CST). All bidders are requested to be present.

The two highest bidders will have the opportunity to orally raise their bid at the time of bid opening.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, the outside plainly marked with the bidder's printed name and address and the phrase, "BID FOR COUNTY LAND - DO NOT OPEN". Bids are to be addressed to Ellen Roundy, Auditor, 1000 5th St N, Carrington, ND 58421. Mailed bids must be postmarked on or before September 1st, 2023. Hand-delivered, sealed bids will also be accepted until

be paid no later than September 8th, 2023.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bank cashier's check in the amount of 10% of the total bid, made payable to Foster County. Unsuccessful bidders' checks will be returned the day of sale. Bidders must bring a valid driver's license for identification purposes; checks will not be released without proof of identity.

The successful bidder's check will be held as a deposit and deducted from the total bid at the time of final settlement. The successful bidder must then remit a second cashier's check by September 8th, 2023, for the balance owed. Said deposit to be forfeited in the event that the successful bidder fails to comply with the terms of the sale.

Conveyance will be via quitclaim deed, which the County will prepare and deliver to the purchaser after settlement. The property is being sold without warranty as to title, and Foster County will not furnish an abstract of title to the property. The buyer will be responsible for obtaining any desired title insurance at personal expense.

The sale is subject to final approval by the Foster County Board of Commissioners. Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, or to accept such bids as may be in the best interest of the state.

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, Foster County, 1000 5th St N, Carrington, ND 58421; phone: (701) 652-3926

ALAN SCANSON CHAIRMAN

(Publish August 7, 14 & 21, 2023)

SECTION 00 0200 -INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT. Foster County Courthouse Remodel Carrington, North Dakota

BIDS CLOSE. September 7, 2023 2:00 PM

PROJECT #. 20214851

DATE OF ISSUE. January 17, 2023

BY. EAPC Architects Engineers 112 Roberts Street North, Suite

Courthouse and a new Heating. Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems for the Lower Level and First Floor Level (approximately 6,056 SF). ALTERNATE G-1 shall include the installation of a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System for the Second Level, approximately 5,545 SF of the Foster County Courthouse.

TYPE OF BIDS. Single combined bids will be received for all portions of the work. The successful bidder will be the single Prime Contractor for the Project.

THE OWNER. Foster County 1000 5th Street North Carrington, ND 58421

BID PLACE. Foster County Courthouse 1000 5th Street North Community Room (lower level) Carrington, ND 58421

Bids received after the designated time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that mailed or delivered bids are in the hands of the Owner prior to the time of the bid opening.

OBTAINING DOCUMENTS. Drawings and Specifications may be ex-Questions may be directed to amined at the Architect/Engineer's office, and the Owner's office at the address shown above and: CMD (Construction Market Data) Dodge Plan Room and SCAN in Minneapolis. North Dakota Builders Exchanges at Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot

> One set of bidding documents may be obtained by prime bidders and major mechanical and electrical sub bidders from EAPC upon request. No deposit is required.

BID SECURITY. Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidders Bond in a sum equal to five percent of the full amount of the bid, including all add alternates, executed by the bidder as principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in this State, conditioned that if the Principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a Contractor's Bond as reTHE OWNER reserves the right to waive irregularities, to reject Bids and to hold all Bids for a period of 30 days after the date fixed for the opening thereof.

By order of: Ellen Roundy, Foster County Auditor END OF SECTION 00 0200

(Publish August 14, 21 & 28, 2023)

Request for Qualifications Consulting Services For Carrington REC Feedlot Pen Expansion

North Dakota State University

North Dakota State University requests statements of qualifications for architectural services for programming, design, and construction services of a covered feedlot pen and bulk feed storage building at the Carrington Research Extension Center, Carrington, ND.

Interested firms may receive the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submittal instructions by contacting the NDSU Ag Budget Director by one of the following methods:

Mail:

North Dakota State University Ag Budget Office Dept. 7510 P.O. Box 6050 Fargo, ND 58108-6050

Telephone: 701-231-7739 Fax: 701-231-7510 Email: angela.d.scott@ndsu.edu

Questions regarding the content of the Request for Qualifications submittal instructions are to be directed to the Ag Budget Director, Gretchen Wagendorf (701) 231-5330.

Five (5) copies and One (1) electronic copy of the completed response must be received no later than 2:00pm C.D.T., Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, at the AES Ag Budget office Morrill Hall Rm 301.

(Publish August 14, 21 & 28, 2023)

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS: SPECIES/SEX RESTRICTIONS

Canada Geese (Western Zone)

Canada Geese (Eastern Zone)

Light Geese

The daily bag limit of 6 ducks including mergansers may include no more than 5 mallards of which only 2 may be female mallards, 1 scaup, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks. * In addition to the daily bag limit of ducks listed above, an additional 2 blue-winged teal may be taken from Sept. 23 - Oct. 08. The possession limit for duck including mergansers shall be three times the daily bag limit.

Sept. 23 Dec. 21

Sept. 23 Dec. 29

Dec. 16

Sept. 23

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24

No Limit

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

Pre-charged pneumatic air guns are now legal for taking tree squirrels.

Nonresidents are not allowed to hunt on Department wildlife management areas or on PLOTS areas from Oct. 7-13. Exception: nonresidents hunting on PLOTS land that

A complete 2023-2024 Small Game, Furbearer and Waterfowl proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-5095 (701) 328-6300.

FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

CITY OF SYKESTON MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm Present: Rick Richter, Jerome Hoheisel, Jon Polries, Kim Speldrich, Deanna Haugen Daniel Johnston, Nicole Johnson, Sonja Johnston, Bev Hafner, Richard Hatch and Kathy Lesmeister Absent: Dennis Johnson

Minutes were read with these corrections: Kim Johnson also services the Park besides the porta potties; Sonja Johnston said that the Sykeston Legion did not specify where the Beer Gardens for the 140th Celebration was going to be set up even though the Law requires any Liquor license to have a specific address. Mayor said to take the area specified in the previous minutes off. Minutes were approved with these changes, 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick.

Bills and Income were presented and approved 1st by Jerome and 2nd by Rick.

Central Plains (225251 gal) \$1381.51, Ottertail \$511.18, Ottertail 1/2 \$76.91, DCT 1/2 \$43.07, ND Health Dept \$14.00, Jerome Hoheisel \$133.00, Kathy Lesmeister \$554.10, Jon Oatis \$277.05 & \$332.46, Sykeston Dam Bar & Grillover payment; per event not per day \$25.00, Sweeney Control \$301.00, Gary Garmen \$92.35, Speldrich Construction \$3549.50, Tax Commissioner \$123, Ben Kothreide \$200.00, Andrew Givens \$200.00, Thomas Aljets \$60.00, Arrowwood \$315.00, Postage \$199.00, Farmers Union Insurance \$2017.00, Central City Lumber \$242.88, High Plains Equipment \$32.70, Kim Johnson \$250.00, Johnston & Sons \$745.00.

Income: Garbage fund \$2040.00, General fund \$1523.34, Highway fund \$697.75, Interest Earned \$1.00, Park-gas \$96.80, Permits \$60.00, Sewer fund \$400.00, Water fund \$2033.10, Water Tower fund \$2835.00.

Old Business: Sale of the "Cafe" that had no objections at the last meeting was brought to the table to finalize the sale to the Community Club. Daniel Johnston asked why the property was valued below \$2500.00 and also said that with the water breaks that has happened in the last couple of weeks, the City should sell it for as much as possible to help pay for these unforeseen expenses and should give others a chance to bid on the property. Jon Polries, representative for the Community Club reminded everyone that the "Cafe" sat empty for over a year until the current occupants decided to open it as a Bar and Grill. Also that the citizens should not have to be on the receiving end of this disagreement between bar owners and if things keep going as they are, the City of Sykeston will end up back where we started, with no place to dine out. Daniel and Sonja had said

iel twice if he was making a formal request to have the "Cafe" put up for bids and not complete the sale to the Community Club since he did not object at the last meeting. Daniel made a formal request to put the "Cafe" up for sale on bids and not sell the property to the Community Club tonight. Sonja asked when the property would be going up for bids. The City will get an assessment and figure out how to proceed with the bidding. Sonja reminded every-

one that the Century Codes need to be followed. A new stop sign has replaced the faded one at the intersection coming from the boat dock. Thank You Karen Neumiller for donating the sign.

Roll off dumpster is full and will be picked up. This was the second dumpster and seems to have been a big success.

When the water tower was drained and switched to rural water, one line ruptured and has been replaced. When the rural water was switched back to the water tower, there was another issue with the water lines/curb stop. This only effected one household and the water was turned off to that resident. The family and the City are working together to get this repaired.

The Water Tower is up and running with the water levels as they should be for the summer months.

Nicole Johnson was asking what the process will be for checking the lead lines running to the water meter that was brought up earlier this year and that she would like her Mother's house, Theresa Johnson, to be included in the houses to be checked.

Mayor said that every house will be checked and a company was hired earlier this year when this topic was originally discussed.

New Business: The Water Tower payment to Caldwell Tanks has been put on hold and is going into litigation due to minimal to no compensation for the late completion date and freeze up of the Water Tower.

Covid Money might be able to help with the expense dealing with some of the wiring that has been done by Johnston & Sons and possibly some other expense. Bills will be submitted and we will go from there.

The City was reimbursed for the security that was provided for the 140th Celebration from the "Sykeston 140th Celebration" account.

Richard Hatch brought up that at the 140th Celebration, he noticed that people were having issues with the Handicap Accessible ramp by the Post Office. People didn't notice the slope in the sidewalk right away. One comment was to paint it so the ramp was more noticeable.

With no other business, the meeting turned to working on the 2024 budget. The only people that stayed to work on the budget was Rick, Jerome and Kathy. While the budget was being discussed, Kim

office rather than an elected posi-

tion. The Foster County Commis-

sion recognizes the need to keep

qualified, experienced, knowledge-

able and technically competent

individuals in key county positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

that it had turned personal and was

saying a few other words until The

Preliminary Resolution to combine and appoint the offices of Foster County Auditor and Foster County Treasurer

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Foster County, a political subdivision of North Dakota has, pursuant to the authority granted generally in NDCC Chapter 11-10.2 it is permissible to re-designate the office of the Foster County Auditor/Treasurer from that of an elected position to that of an appointed position and specifically in §NDCC 11-10.2-02(1) intends to combine the offices of Auditor and Treasurer for Foster County; and Agor intervened and asked Daniel twice if he was making a formal Speldrich and Deanna Haugen returned to ask a couple of questions: Who suther is a down of loss

Who authorized the change of location for the Sykeston Legion's Beer Gardens when it takes 2/3 vote and the Auditor since she was the one that issued the 'Alcoholic Permit' for this event; Where is the paperwork that shows that the location change since a copy has to be with the original permit. Auditor will meet with the Wells County Sheriff to get a copy of the paperwork. The budget discussion continuing again, the Garbage rates will be going up \$3.00 to \$28.00 per month starting at the beginning of 2024. Motion made and approved the increase in garbage rate, 1st Jerome and 2nd Rick. The other change that will be made on the water bills is that the Water Tower and Maintenance will be listed separately, \$10.00 for maintenance and \$25.00 for the water tower.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Auditor was asked if the minutes from the last meeting were posted in the Post Office. Kathy said she had posted about 6 copies and that all the copies were gone in less than 2 days and the month before she had posted about 7 or 8 copies and they all were gone with in 2 days so she put up another batch of like 6 copies and they all were gone within a couple of days also.

Make a copy if you don't want to stand there and read them but return it if it is the last copy. In the past few months it seams that no matter how many copies are hung up, they are all gone with in a few days. Please leave one copy for the next person to read. Thank You.

Meeting adjourned around 9:00 pm.

Next meeting is August 8th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

(Publish August 21, 2023)

ABBREVIATED

NOTICE OF INTENT TO

ADOPT AND AMEND

ADMINISTRATIVE

RULES

RELATING TO

EDUCATOR

LICENSURE

TAKE NOTICE that the Education

Standards and Practices Board will

hold a public hearing to address

proposed new N.D. Admin Code

Chapter 67.1-02-06, related to

The Pioneer Room

North Dakota

State Capital

600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505

Tues., October 3, 2023

10:00 A.M.

A copy of the proposed rules may

be reviewed at the office of the

Education Standards and Practices

Board, 2718 Gateway Avenue,

Suite 204, Bismarck, ND 58503 or obtained by calling the Education

Standards and Practices Board (701) 328-9641. Written or oral

comments must be received by

October 14, 2023, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special

facilities or assistance relating to a

disability, please contact the Education Standards and Practices Board

at the above telephone number or

Student Teachers at





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WHEREAS, the analysis of the two offices, and the plan for consolidating and combining the offices, which follows, has been carefully reviewed and a determination made by the Board of County Commissioners for Foster County that such consolidation and combination would improve effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling the statutory obligations assigned to the Auditor and Treasurer of the county;

WHEREAS, the proposed plan will include the appointment of the

ORDINANCE No. 278

An ordinance granting a franchise to Daktel Communications, LLC, D/B/A Dakota Central Telecommunications, of Carrington, North Dakota, their successors and permitted assigns, to operate and maintain a cable community television system in the city; setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of franchise; and providing for city regulation and use of community television system: and prescribing penalties for the violation of its provisions.

<u>Section XVIII. Penalties and</u> Forfeiture

Any person, firm or corporation violating the terms of this Ordinance upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to penalty as provided by resolved, effective September 1, 2023, and in accordance with the details of the following plan, the office of Foster County Auditor and Foster County Treasurer be consolidated, combined, and appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and accompanying plan be published once each week for two consecutive weeks, with public hearings thereon being scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on August 28th, 2023 at the Foster County Courthouse.

Dated at Carrington, ND this 1st day of August 2023.

FOSTER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Ellen Roundy, Auditor Alan Scanson, Chairman, Foster County Board of Commissioners (Publish August 14 & 21, 2023)

Section 1-9 of the Code of the City of Carrington, North Dakota, and further provided that any violation by Company, its vendee, lessee or successor of the provisions of this Franchise or any material portion thereof, or the failure promptly to perform any of the provisions thereof, shall be cause for the forfeiture of this Franchise and all rights hereunder to City after written notice to Company and continuation of such violation, failure or default, Waiver of City of any particular violation. shall not be construed as a waiver of any future violation.

First Reading July 10, 2023 Second Reading August 14, 2023

Final Passage August 14, 2023 (Publish August 21, 2023)



PTSD: Signs, Symptoms, & Treatment

Friday, September 1, 2023 | 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Register at dakotafamilyservices.org/communitychat

address at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 13th day of August 2023 Rebecca S. Pitkin, PhD Executive Director Education Standards and Practices Board



1:00 PM

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board Buckskin Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 400-2696. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Larry Giese NDMFTLB 327 Buckskin Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DIS-ABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 10 day of August 2023