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#### **PROCEEDINGS** OF THE BOARD OF **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** OF FOSTER COUNTY **AUGUST 1, 2023**

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scansor called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Haand Commissioner David Utke Also, present were Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Auditor El-Brinster and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

18th, 2023, regular meeting and July 26th, 2023, Special Meeting. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve both sets of minutes seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the mo-

Commissioner Hagel tioned to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$57.68; Andrew S. Marquart, 288.00; Barnes County Corrections, 935.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 82.06; Central City H20+, 13.50; Central City Lumber, Inc., 575.58; Computer Express, 1,200.00; Craig Wiesz, 48.47; Ellen Roundy, 30.80; Hailey Bachmeier, 160.29.

Jamestown Communications,

Inc., 241.60; John Deere Financial, 1,498.67; Justin Johnson, 23.37; Kara Brinster, 172.92 Mainstay Suites, 264.60; Napa Auto Parts, 1,737.46; ND Association of County and Tribal VSO, 120.00; ND Department of Trust Lands, 250.00; NDACO Resources Group, 70.00; Normont Equipment Co., 1,555.42. ODP Business

LLC, 332.93; Software Innovations, 1,100.00; The Detail Guy, 200.00; Tom Gilbertson & Sons, 10,728.00; Uniform

Commissioner asked to add ROW Bridge under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and

The gravel pit will be put out for bid. A notice will be placed in the Foster County Independent, the Foster County website and available in the Auditor's office. The bid opening will take place in the Foster County Commissioner Room at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023.

**New Business** 

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. A new culvert will be replaced on 11th St, going from 18" to 24". Rain total for July was 2.11". Garney Construction had the Bordulac road completed on July 29th. The McHenry highway should be completed by August 5th. Monson asked the BOCC for box from the 1983 truck to one of the new plow trucks for \$2,200. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the work to be done seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel aye Commissioner Scanson
- Commissioner Copenhaver
- Commissioner Utke aye motion passed. Auditor Roundy stated that the two part time employees that help the road department are currently getting two different wages. She asked that both be receiving the same dollar amount as they both run the same equipment. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned that moving forward both part-time employees be receiving the same hourly rate of pay, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:
  - Commissioner Hagel aye Commissioner Scanson –
- aye • Commissioner Copenhaver
- aye • Commissioner Utke - aye
- motion passed.

Tom Erdmann, City of Carrington Mayor, approached the BOCC regarding the contract for assessing with the county. Commissioner Hagel stated that the county now has two employees that meet the state requirements for assessing. Commissioner Utke doesn't want to see an increase in the contracted dollar amount but would be hesitant to lower it without seeing the numbers from the Tax Director. The BOCC made no change to the assessing fee for 2024.

Auditor Ellen Roundy provided the BOCC with the preliminary budget. Roundy was able to reduce the general fund from last year just shy of 7.5%. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the preliminary budget, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Roundy asked the BOCC to consider moving the deputy auditor from Grade 11 to Grade 13 (same step) with a title of Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer and back paying her for her hours worked in the Treasurer's office. She stated that Deputy Bachmeier was tremendous in keeping the office in line while Roundy worked from home on maternity leave. She has also picked up many of the day-to-day treasurer duties in the former Treasurer's absence. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve moving the deputy auditor from Grade 11 to Grade 13 with the title of Chief Deputy Auditor/

Treasurer and paying the differ-

ence for hours worked in the last the BOCC with information from two weeks seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

• Commissioner Hagel - aye • Commissioner Scanson Commissioner Copenhaver

• Commissioner Utke - aye motion passed. Roundy presented the BOCC with a resolution to combine, consolidate and appoint the office of Auditor/Treasurer.

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 1-10.2-02(1) intends to combine the offices of Auditor and Treasurer for Foster County; and

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 Trea-

WHEREAS, the proposed plan will include the appointment of the office rather than an elected position. The Foster County Commission recognizes the need to keep qualified, experienced, knowledgeable and technically competent individuals in key coun-

NOW, THEREFORE, be it 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 ap-

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

The resolution was made by Commissioner Utke and included the proposed plan with publication in the Foster County Independent, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel stated that many counties do have combined Auditor/Treasurer offices after a retirement or resignation. The BOCC discussed the Auditor and Interim Treasurer Roundy wages. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve an increase of four percent for the Auditor/Interim Treasurer wage effective August 1, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call

- Commissioner Hagel aye • Commissioner Scanson
- Commissioner Copenhaver
- Commissioner Utke ave

BOCC to approve corrections necessary to funds for past Deferred Compensation payments. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the corrections, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Kara Brinster, Foster County

States Attorney, approached the BOCC for an extension of her part-time help for an Assistant State's Attorney through the Wick trial. The Attorney General's office would normally provide help with smaller counties who have larger cases, are short staffed and cannot provide adequate help. Commissioner Utke stated it's the BOCC job to provide employees tools to do their job and motioned to continue the part time help in the State's Attorney's office until a plea deal is reached or the end of the trial, whichever comes first, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel aye Commissioner Scanson –
- Commissioner Copenhaver

• Commissioner Utke - aye motion passed. Auditor Roundy Meeting. Commissioner Utke had will draft a letter for the BOCC to send to the AG's office requesting any help available.

Roundy removed Sheriff Johnson from the agenda.

Commissioner Copenhaver stated an individual approached him regarding the ROW bridge. Commissioner Scanson will speak with the individual over any questions or concerns. Commissioner Utke let the BOCC know there is a preliminary flood map consultation meeting that Emergency Manager Darlene Thomas is unable to attend. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson will coordinate who will attend on behalf of Foster County. Roundy provided the BOCC with last year's contract for property storage agreement for Juanita Lake. There were few changes necessary that she will make. Roundy asked the BOCC to review a ballot question for the Road Levy. The County currently levies 10 mills under Farm to Mar-

ket and two under County Road

for a total of 12 mills. The Farm

to Market levy will be expiring the

end of 2024. The BOCC can levy

10 in County Road with no vote

and up to 30 mills with a vote so

they will have to look at replacing

the two mills needed with an election question.

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States Attorney Brinster did send information off to the Ambulance Board and has not heard anything back yet.

Commissioner Hagel had a human service zone meeting. The board hired a new eligibility worker in the Wells office and have one more position they are interview-

Commissioner Utke stated they will be having an LEPC meeting sometime in August.

Commissioner Utke provided the BOCC with items that need to be addressed on the reoccurring calendar. Roundy will provide notice for when the final budget hear-

With no further business. Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:38 pm.

#### **SPECIAL MEETING** AUGUST 10, 2023

At 4:15 pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Auditor Ellen Roundy and Road Superintendent Nate Monson. Road Superintendent. Nate

Monson, and Wold Engineer Michael Rivinius were out inspecting work on the McHenry Highway. During discussion, they asked if it would be an option to repair and patch a few spots by Grace City. Border States indicated that they would have enough material and would do it at skin patch price. The areas that will be fixed are Munson curve, Orville Haaland curve and on either side of the bridge (Ray Topp) south of Grace City, Monson indicated that the price would get added to the McHenry Highway project and that numbers are looking good as oil has come in lower then expected. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the additional work with the cost estimated to be \$16,000 to \$17,000 to be added to the McHenry project, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel aye
- Commissioner Scanson • Commissioner Ukte - ave
- Commissioner Copenhaver joined the meeting via phone at

Auditor Roundy updated the BOCC that her office and Commissioner Hagel and Commissioner Scanson had met via zoom with the state auditors earlier in the day. The audit is a multi-year audit going back to 2015. Roundy has tried to locate documents missing from earlier years and has been unable to. She wanted the BOCC to know that they are making every effort to locate documents requested from the state auditors but are having troubles from the previous years. The state auditors indicated it would be good to get the BOCC on the same page with an understanding of what we are working with. Commissioner Utke motioned that the Auditors Office may use their discretion if unable to find documentation to communicate that with the state auditor's office and move forward seconded motion passed. Roundy asked the by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy stated that it will save the county money regarding the audit costs. Commissioner Hagel motioned to allow Auditor Roundy to make necessary adjustments for errors made in the previous years seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion

passed. With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 15, 2023** At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel. Commissioner Alan Scanson. and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Auditor Ellen Roundy, State's Attorney Kara Brinster and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the August 1st, 2023, regular meeting and August 10th, 2023, Special one addition to the minutes. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve both sets of minutes with the change, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

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

Bills: Andrew S. Marquart, 153.00; Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 108.50; Auto Value Parts Store, 11.97; Barnes County Corrections, 2,635.00; Boote Septic Solutions, 125.00; Brager Disposal Service, 349.00; Briss Oil Company, 311.20; Butler Machinery Company, 901.63; C&J Oil Company, 12,653.42; Central Business Systems, 378.70; EAPC Architects Engineers, 3,449.14.

Ellen Roundy, 198.71; Foster County Independent, 1,426.23; Foster County Treasurer, 176.56; Hailey Bachmeier, 14.00; High Plains Equipment, 858.40; Information Technology Dept., 909.95; Lake Region Law Enforcement Center, 85.00; Midstates Wireless, 2,194.06; ND Association of Counties, 1,230.40; ND State Radio Communication, 16,849.36.

NDSU Extension Service, 12,681.27; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 416.20; Office of At-Commissioner Utke provided torney General -1250, 65.00; OK

Tire Store, 976,74: Patriot Fuels, 901.48; Quill Corporation, 180.63; Rachel Stokes, 213,75; Running's Supply. Inc., 491.78; Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 4.050.00: Stutsman County Auditor's Office. 152.00: William J. Gale. 444.30.

Auditor Roundy asked to add employee assistance on the agenda. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nate Monson, Road Super-

Old Business No old business. **New Business** 

intendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. No major work has been done on equipment and the department is getting caught up on patching holes, straightening/ replacing signs and durapatching The McHenry Road paving project is complete. They will start mowing ditches in two to three weeks Commissioner Beumer motioned to publish the roadside weed and grass mowing notice in the paper, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted ave and the motion passed. Discussion was had on how to proceed with bidding on the John Deere Tractor, Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the notice of bid with the option of the two highest bidders having a chance to orally raise their bid, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

At 3:47 Commissioner Copenhaver joined the meeting.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to publish the notice of encroachment/right of way as done in the past, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Karen Evans. Tax Director. provided the BOCC with an update from the planning and zoning board. Two building permits have been requested. Darren Lester is remodeling a cabin at Juanita Lake and Herman and Linda Johnson are constructing a two-stall garage at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve both building permits, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted ave and the motion passed. Evans also stated that Dan Beckley is working on putting a 7-unit RV park behind the Bordulac Bar. The planning and zoning board held a public hearing on August 15th at 7:15 AM. With no one showing up in favor or opposition the planning and zoning board approved the permit contingent on Beckley aetting everything completed with the state. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the conditional use permit pending the completion of state requirements. seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion

passed. Lee Wahlund, Foster County Resident approached the BOCC with a petition to close the section line from 66th Ave NE westwardly to Auditors Lot 226. He has spoken with Pat and Chase Biel, and they have no opposition. He's looking toward the future if he were to sell the land, no one could build anything due to the right of way from the section line. Commissioner Utke asked to allow States Attorney, Kara Brinster, more time to look into this particular case. The BOCC tabled this for now and Auditor Roundy will keep

Wahlund updated. Justin Johnson, Sheriff, approached the BOCC about purchasing the previous police departments charger from Bessette's and trading in the spare Expedition. He would need to have the decals and some touch up work done on the Expedition before making the trade. Johnson stated that minor fixes will need to be completed on the charger and it will come fully equipped with the police departments equipment. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the trade in of the Expedition and purchase the charger from Bessette's seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver, Roll

- call vote included: • Commissioner Beumer - ave Commissioner Hagel – aye
- · Commissioner Scanson -
- · Commissioner Copenhaver aye
- Commissioner Utke ave motion passed.

Auditor Ellen Roundy stated that her office is working on items for the state auditors. She's had help from other part time employees and is asking if an employee who is part time offers to help more hours if they can do so under her department. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to allow other employees to work additional hours above their normal part time hours if they would like to, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included: Commissioner Beumer – ave

- Commissioner Hagel aye Commissioner Scanson –
- · Commissioner Copenhaver aye
- Commissioner Utke aye motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included tablets for the BOCC to purchase. No decision was made. No update on the campground or building projects. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson attended the flood map coordination officer meeting via zoom. They will put relevant information together once the recording comes out. The BOCC will review the security plan. There will be two public hearings held at the Foster County Courthouse on the combination, consolidation, and appointment of the Auditor/Treasurer

office on August 28th the first one at 9:00 AM and the second one at 7:00 PM. The final budget hearing will be September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Foster County Courthouse.

With no further business Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 28, 2023**

At 9:00 am. Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Public Hearing to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver via phone. Also present was Auditor Ellen Roundy. States Attorney Kara Brinster, Karen Evans, and Jeremiah Blahna. Discussion was had on the

consolidation. combination. and appointment of the Auditor/ Treasurer office. Residents in attendance were in favor of the combination, consolidation, and appointment. Evans stated there needs to be accountability in these offices.

With no further business Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 28, 2023**

At 7:00 pm. Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Public Hearing to order. **Roll call included Commissioner** Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver via phone. Also present was Auditor Fllen Roundy, States Attorney Kara Brinster, and resident Roger Schlotman. Foster County Resident Roger

Schlotman asked the BOCC what the term duplication stood for in the plan. Brinster stated a lot of times both offices are helping each other out and are cross trained so it would eliminate some of the job duplication that is currently happening. Schlotman asked if there would be a cost savings and the BOCC stated there would be. Schlotman noted that the States Attorney and Sheriff positions are elected. Brinster stated that there are statutory requirements for those positions. It becomes critical for the BOCC as they want to establish what those qualifications are when positions do not have them. Commissioner Hagel stated that in the past, unqualified individuals have held positions and it has hurt the county in the long run. Commissioner Utke stated that to prevent any of the previous issues from happening again, they can make things right and this BOCC would not be doing their job if they didn't see the value and take this transition seriously. Commissioner Copenhaver stated that one reason the BOCC is looking to make this change is because there is a good set of employees in the auditor's office, and he wants to see them keep these positions. Commissioner Hagel and Commissioner Scanson have spoke with other residents in the county who see the benefit and importance of having qualified individuals in highly rated positions in the county. Additional questions and concerns were discussed, and the resident did not state whether they were in favor or opposed to the plan when

leaving the hearing. With no further business. Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

#### **SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 29. 2023**

At 10:30 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Auditor Ellen Roundy and States Attorney Kara Brinster.

Foster County Auditor Ellen Roundy presented the final resolution to combine, consolidate and

appoint the office of Auditor/Trea-

surer. 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) approved the plan to combine the offices of Auditor and Treasurer for Foster County

WHEREAS, the analysis of the two offices, and the plan for consolidating and combining the offices, 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, at the August 1.

2023, meeting of the Foster County Board of County Commissioners, a motion to approve a preliminary resolution outlining a plan for the re-designation and combination of the Auditor/Treasurer's position to an appointed position was unanimously approved by the Foster County Board of Commissioners: and WHEREAS, the plan was

within the 30-day period immediately following the adoption of the preliminary resolution; and WHEREAS, public meetings were held in Carrington to disseminate information, receive suggestions and comments, and

to encourage public discussion

published two consecutive weeks

of the purpose, conclusions, and recommendations of the plan; and WHEREAS, the Foster County Commission recognizes the need to keep qualified, experienced. knowledgeable and technically competent individuals in key county positions:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, effective September 1. 2023, and in accordance with the details of the approved plan, the offices of Foster County Auditor and Foster County Treasurer be consolidated, combined, and ap-

The resolution was made by Commissioner Hagel and seconded by Commissioner Beumer, Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer ave Commissioner Hagel – ave
- Commissioner Scanson -
- Commissioner Utke aye motion passed. Roundy asked for approval to open a part time position for a deputy Auditor/Treasurer. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the advertising and opening of a part time deputy Auditor/Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Beumer, All voted ave and the motion passed. Roundy presented a raffle permit for the Carrington Youth Football group. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the raffle permit, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted ave and the motion passed. Lastly, there was a two-dollar and fifty cent adjustment to the lease for the JD Tractor that was previously approved Commissioner Beumer motioned to pay the additional two dollars and fifty cents, seconded by Com-
- missioner Utke. Roll call vote included: • Commissioner Beumer - aye
- Commissioner Hagel ave Commissioner Scanson aye
  - Commissioner Utke aye

motion passed. With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the

meeting at 10:36 am. Ellen Roundy, Auditor Alan Scanson, Chairman Foster County Board of Commissioners

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#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety Rulemaking

Case No. GS-23-289

Case No. PU-23-264

Emerging Threats Rulemaking

Public Service Commission

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