

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARRINGTON****SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolosky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen, Ryan Zink, Mason Wede, Becky Hagel, Linda Schuster, and Karen Evans.

Hearing from the Audience: Linda Schuster addressed Council with a request on Ordinances, procedure, and when motions are made.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held August 14, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Olson, to approve consent agenda items:

a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1009 to Carrington Preschool for a calendar raffle and #1010 to Carrington School District for a raffle.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve Bruce Bachmeier's request to have a fireworks display at the homecoming football game Friday, September 16, 2023 at approximately 7 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FIRE DEPT:**

Chief Wangen reported 3 calls on the city side and 2 rural. They cooked the noon meal for the Out of Darkness Walk, fire safety talks with the school next month, moving forward with radio purchases, and looking into changing the page to text vendor they use.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported they met today for discussion on the storage of junk ordinance and building ordinance with more clarification and research on the junk ordinance before presenting them to council.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported discussion was held on the dollar amount allowed in reserve account with Jennifer looking into possibly transferring funds to the capital project fund. We went over sales tax with the 2% over \$95,000 ahead of this time last year, the library received a \$35,000 grant, next Tuesday is the Public Hearing on the budget with Auditor Gast to present two or three options, and city hall will be closed September 21 and 22 for the NDLC Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to authorize Auditor Gast to pay invoices received for the library grant from now until the end of September. The following voted in favor: Olson, Smith, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

CCEDC:

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Fandrich, to pay \$26,084.39 to Central City Wellness Center for a Commercial Building Improvement Grant under previous guidelines of 25% with a maximum of \$30,000. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Hoggarth, Pederson, Olson, Smith, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Smith, to approve two Commercial Building Improvement grant applications from the Garden Gate for two projects. The amount will be determined using program guidelines at 40% with a maximum of \$50,000 based upon actual expenses when the work is done. The projects are for upgrading their electrical box and air conditioning, and window replacement. The following voted in favor: Olson, Fandrich, Smith, Pederson,

Roundy, and Hoggarth. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Roundy, to approve DK Freeman LLC dba Headlocks Commercial Building Improvement grant application for improvements in flooring, bathrooms, etc. per grant guidelines (40% reimbursement up to \$50,000 maximum). The following voted in favor: Pederson, Roundy, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to approve a demolition cost share application from Ryan & Melissa Edwardson following grant guidelines of 25% cost with a maximum of \$10,000. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Fandrich, Olson, Roundy, Smith, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met September 7th with fuel delivered with a new price of \$6.04/gallon, Jason and crews mowing and trimming around buildings, Kelly Hagel installed new storm door on pilot's lounge and dug in new drainage for east hangar, and Jason and Jennifer attended a CIP meeting in Jamestown.

LIBRARY:

Roundy reported minutes in packet with another library board meeting tomorrow, \$35,000 grant awarded along with \$3,000 grant toward juvenile audio books, \$2,000 grant for expanding programs, and \$3,800 grant toward makers space and robotics.

POLICE:

Pederson reported they met tonight and Officer Kapp will be attending sexual assault training and Officer Ormiston attending a low light shooting course, there were 229 calls for service this month, and Officer Ormiston made a good fentanyl arrest.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported on tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to allow Central Dakota Sportsmen's Club to remove trees and add a 600 yard range to the existing range. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Eric Pederson the Public Safety Manager of the SIRN 2020 Project attended the meeting to talk about the potential 3- 17' antennae's with city blessing mounted on the water tower with structural analysis to be completed.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to have the City Attorney negotiate with ND ITD concerning the 2020 SIRN project. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was a water main valve replaced on 13th Ave, hydrant flushing to begin, a new flag was installed at the Casey's flagpole, crosswalk painting was completed, discussion on alley conditions at post office and library, discussion on mowing at 486 11th Ave N, storm sewer repair done on 3rd St S, lift station #4 work done to unplug it, Clean Up week will be September 21-23, discussion on concrete at inert landfill, bids will be opened on September 28th for a motor grader, and Travis Dillman gave an update on westside wa-

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Great Plains Housing Authority (GPHA) is providing an opportunity to receive public comments on its proposed changes to the Administrative Plan. The comment period will end 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2023.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm at the James River Senior Center (419 5th St NE – West Entrance, Jamestown, ND 58401), which is handicapped accessible. If translation and/or interpreter services are needed, please contact GPHA at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

At that time, GPHA will review its proposed Administrative Plan Policy Changes, answer questions and receive comments. Copies of GPHA's proposed Administrative Plan Policy Changes is available prior to the hearing upon request, is available for public review at the GPHA's office, and will be posted on its website at: <https://greatplainsha.com/> by October 20, 2023. If you are unable to attend the public hearing and want to submit written comments on GPHA's proposed Administrative Plan Policy Changes, please submit them prior to the hearing, to the person/address listed below.

During the public comment period, GPHA program participants and members of the general public are invited to provide written comment and to submit them via email David Klein, Executive Director at david@greatplainsha.com please indicate "Administrative Plan Policy Changes" in the subject line of your email.

GPHA will consider all comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing and may modify the Administrative Plan Policy Changes and related materials in response. GPHA's Board of Commissioners will meet on November 21, 2023, at GPHA's Office (300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200, Jamestown, ND 58401) to take action on GPHA's Administrative Plan Policy Changes application. The hearing is open to the public.

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ter loop expansion project. PWD Wolsky and Dillman will work on project cost list in November.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve the quote from TriState paving for 3 water main repair spots in the amount of \$5,070. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Pederson, Hoggarth, Roundy, Olson, and Smith.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Wolsky reported that 10 building permits and 1 demolition permit were issued.

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Pederson, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda with the addition of #8 to Interstate Engineering in the amount of \$1,380 pertaining to the drainage easement near Hagel/Swenseth properties. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Smith, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Pederson. Against: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hoggarth, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Bills: United States Treasury, \$7,649.01; Bartlett West, Inc., 262.00; NDPERS, 8,879.92; NDPERS, 262.50; LEAF, 305.00; AT&T Mobility, 357.17; Unum Life Insurance Company of, 84.46; Postmaster, 328.86; Pipestem Alcohol & Drug Network, 65.00; Leaf, 55.00; Aqua-Pure, Inc., 909.41; Kost, Korb, 60.25; Murphy, Travis Marquel, 5.00.

ABDO, 796.25; Amazon Capital Services, 6,181.75; Aramark, 356.39; Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 234.18; Auto Value Carrington, 79.94; Bank of North Dakota, 3,089.61; Barnes & Noble, 707.75; Bessette Motors, Inc., 32,382.06; Starion Bond Services, 3,250.00; Bremer Bank, 75.00; Carrington Park District, 1,538.93; Carrington Drug, 47.25; Carrington City Library Petty Cash, 240.90.

Central City Lumber, 7,460.78; Central Business Systems, 2,694.68; Central Dakota Sportsmen Club, 10,000.00; City of Carrington, 855.86; City of Carrington Petty Cash, 4.09; City of Carrington Meter Depot, 189.75; C&J Oil Co., 1,037.77; Carrington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 4,835.29; Dakota Central Telecom 1, 1,061.37; Dalsted & Ryan, P.C., 1,108.00; Demco, 3,128.72; DJ's Home Center, 55.00; Ecolab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70.

Foster County Independent, 1,043.05; Gast, Jennifer, 248.36; Hawkins, Inc., 1,113.50; H&H Holdings LLP, 10,080.00; Information Technology Dept., 105.40; Jerome, Pam, 44.00; Carrington Economic Development, 33,046.36; Larsen Plumbing & Heating A/C, 2,500.00; Leever's Foods, 56.50; Lexis Nexis Mathew Bender, 320.11; Montana Dakota Utilities, 344.93; Napa Auto Parts, 173.04.

NDLC-North Dakota League of Cities, 900.00; One Call Concepts, 36.40; ND State Tax Commissioner, 168.55; Northern Plains Electric Co-op, 784.15; Office of the State Auditor, 750.00; Ottertail Power Co., 6,594.26; Patriot Fuels, 1,206.37; Penworthy Co., 2,234.85; Pitney Bowes Global Financial, 142.53; Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc., Purchase, 76.40; Playaway Products, 2,885.57.

Radisson Hotel Bismarck, 441.00; Red River Valley & Western RR, 100.00; Rosenau Equipment, 113.76; Running's Supply, Inc., 584.92; Running's Supply, Inc., 18.73; Schulz Plumbing & Heating, 719.20; Seil, Michele, 4,255.25; Library Store, The, 502.02; Waste Management of ND, 36,441.40; Zions Bank, 17,813.13.

Payroll: September 22, 2023, \$30,194.09; October 6, 2023, \$22,512.57.

**PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

A Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM, at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The following members of council and city departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Chase Pederson, Doug Smith, Abigail Geroux, Jason Wolosky, Christopher Bittmann, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Councilmen Tyler Hoggarth and Trygg Olson and Attorney Ryan.

A public hearing on the 2024 budget was held. No members from the public were present and the hearing remained open. Mayor Erdmann moved on to other agenda items.

Chief Bittmann requested additional pay for the police department. Discussion was held on retention and recruitment in the police department.

Auditor Gast presented four options for certifying the levy. The options included a tax increase of 5.56%, two options with a tax increase of 1.19% with two different General Fund year end balances due to moving some road expenses to a different fund, and a tax decrease of 2.61%. Option number 2 was favored, with a tax increase of 1.19% which includes moving \$40,000 in road expenses to a new legacy highway distribution fund and projects a General Fund year-end balance of approximately \$124,000.

A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Roundy, to approve the 2024 Budget utilizing option #2 as presented. The

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

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to certify the levies at a total of 93.09 mills (option #2) as follows:

General Fund \$676,696.10
Library \$47,405.00
Carrington Airport \$39,293.00
Debt Service Funds:
Hwy Bonds '09 \$39,000.00
Total Amount Levied
\$802,394.10

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

The Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was closed.

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, Roundy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pederson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor
Tom Erdmann, Mayor,
City Council, City of Carrington
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Great Plains Housing Authority (GPHA) is providing an opportunity to receive public comments on its proposed Move to Work (MTW) application for the tenant-based (Housing Choice Voucher) and project-based voucher program under the "Overall Impact of Moving to Work Flexibility and Administrative Efficiencies - Cohort II." The comment period will end 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2023.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm at the James River Senior Center (419 5th St NE – West Entrance, Jamestown, ND 58401), which is handicapped accessible. If translation and/or interpreter services are needed, please contact GPHA at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

At that time, GPHA will review its proposed MTW application, answer questions and receive comments. Copies of GPHA's proposed MTW application is available prior to the hearing upon request, is available for public review at the GPHA's office, and will be posted on its website at: <https://greatplainsha.com/> by October 20, 2023. If

you are unable to attend the public hearing and want to submit written comments on GPHA's proposed MTW application, please submit them prior to the hearing, to the person/address listed below.

During the public comment period, GPHA program participants and members of the general public are invited to provide written comment and to submit them via email David Klein, Executive Director at david@greatplainsha.com please indicate "MTW Comments" in the subject line of your email.

Information about the Moving to Work Demonstration Program is accessible at: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/MTW-MarketingBrochureFinal.pdf>

GPHA will consider all comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing and may modify the MTW application and related materials in response. GPHA's Board of Commissioners will meet on November 28, 2023, at GPHA's Office (300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200, Jamestown, ND 58401) to take action on GPHA's MTW application. The hearing is open to the public.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 16-2023-PR-00010**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF FOSTER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA in the matter of the Estate of Dorothy Kracht, Deceased

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mary Jo Paulson, Personal Representative of the Estate at 610 2nd Street North, Carrington, North Dakota 58421 or filed with the court.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

Mary Jo Paulson
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Attorneys for Estate
(Publish October 2, 9 & 16, 2023)

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FOSTER COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

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

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the August 15th, 2023, regular meeting, August 28th, 2023, Public Hearing at 9:00 AM, August 28th, 2023, Public Hearing at 7:00 PM, and August 29th, 2023, Special Meeting. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve all minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Roundy stated that they wrote check #36006 to the NDDOT for a duplicate title for trade in of the Ford Expedition. Roundy also said that the Border States Paving estimate due for the McHenry Road was included in the bills, but we will need approval for the change order separately. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the bills with Check #36006 and paying the change order subject to approval seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: ND Dept. of Transportation, \$5,000; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 246.69; Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 9,500.00; Border States Paving, Inc., 2,000,000.00; Border States Paving, Inc., 546,503.53; Bryce Carr, 450.00; C&J Oil Company, 9,670.45; Central Business Systems, 125.00.

Central City Lumber, Inc., 244.94; CMF, 448.01; Cody Thibbert, 480.00; Computer Express, 4,308.00; Corean Swart, 203.95; Craig Wiesz, 32.75; Dacotah Paper Company, 175.53; Danielle Koepplin, 104.80; Foster County Independent, 1,995.78; Jeff Golz, 1,000.00; John Deere Financial, 20,901.19; John Deere Financial, 5,477.50.

John Deere Financial, 86.68; Justin Johnson, 97.92; Kinetic Leasing, Inc., 16,658.02; Lake Region Law Enforcement, Cen., 2,720.00; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., 47.43; NACVSO, 250.00; Napa Auto Parts, 17.49; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 172.45; Patriot Fuels, 603.04; Pro Forms, 533.57; Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, 176.40; RDO Equipment Co., 15,163.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc., 245.04.

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

Old Business
The bid opening for the gravel pit was held at 3:00 PM on September 5th, 2023, in the Commissioner Room. There was a total of six bids with Joel Gussiaas being the highest bidder and awarded the purchase of the gravel pit. Commissioner Hagel stated during the bid opening that the state reserves the gas and oil rights.

New Business
Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. The department started mowing roads on August 29th. They will finish the west side of the county by the end of the week and start the east side of the county next week. The new John Deere Blades were delivered, and the Road Department employees were able to have training with RDO. Monson had found a 2005 snowplow truck in Illinois for \$51,500 and \$3,800 for them to deliver it to Carrington. Discussion was had on looking at the truck in person. Commissioner Beumer motioned to give Monson authority to travel to Illinois and to purchase if it's in the expected condition, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

Micheal Rivinius, Wold Engineering, presented the change order #2 to the BOCC. This included using geosynthetic material as it was getting costly to use asphalt. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the change order as described, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – temporarily left the meeting for a call.
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye.

Micheal Rivinius, Wold Engineering, presented the change order #2 to the BOCC regarding the temporary and permanent easement for the bridge project. The BOCC tabled until they could look into the issue further.

Kip Kovar, Garrison Diversion and Collen MacMilla with Garney Construction joined the meeting for discussion on hauling on non-haul roads. Monson provided frustration from his department on trucks hauling on roads they shouldn't be and hauling when the road conditions are not adequate

Monson has spoken to various individuals on the project, and no one can provide a straight answer or gain control of the situation. Collen stated that all subcontractors have been provided with the route map and know what roads they should and shouldn't be on. Kip indicated the same for Garrison Diversion. Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney, was firm in stating that there will be charges filed against any drivers that are driving on roads they shouldn't be driving on. Commissioner Utke stated that it's troublesome when multiple agencies are involved in projects and that the Road Department has done a great job trying to preserve our roads. Commissioner Utke asked if there could be one point of contact for Monson. It was decided that Collen with Garney and Scott with Garrison would be the two points of contact for Nate.

Karen Evans, Tax Director, spoke on behalf of Emergency Manager Darlene Thomas. There are many addresses that are incorrect in the county. This becomes an issue for 911 responders if there were to be an emergency, the correct address is provided so they know where to go. Some addresses on 66th Ave NE have been incorrect for many years. Clinton Sherman and Billie Sinkler were present for the meeting and understand the importance of correcting their address despite the hassle. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve their new address to 6595 4th St NE, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Hagel did reiterate that more addresses within the county will need to be corrected in the future.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor, presented the BOCC with a special liquor license to approve for the Garden Gate to serve at a private event in the county. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the special license, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Kara Brinster, States Attorney, asked the BOCC for approval to sign the contract with Karpel software. This was budgeted for 2024, however, if they sign the contract now, there will be a slight discount. No payment will need to be made until 2024. Commissioner Beumer motioned to approve and sign the contract with payment beginning in 2024, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

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

Commissioner Hagel presented the BOCC with a 911 agreement with NDACo. Currently the county collects the fee and then disperses the money. The agreement would switch that responsibility to NDACo, and they would handle the collection of fees and disperse payments out. NDACo feels as if some phone companies are not collecting the fees that they should and with county participation can better streamline the process. Commissioner Beumer motioned to sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke motioned to extend the basement project bid to September 14th by addendum, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Foster County budget hearing will be on September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Foster County Courthouse.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.

**SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

At 9:00 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting 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.

Commissioner Alan Scanson presented the details on the 2005 snowplow truck. It was previously approved at the September 5th, 2023, Foster County Commission Meeting to allow Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, the authority to travel to Illinois to look over and purchase the truck. Additional videos and information were presented to the BOCC, and they chose not to send Monson to Illinois. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the purchase of the 2005 snowplow truck for \$51,500.00 after the BOCC received and reviewed additional information, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye,

motion passed. Additional discussion included Commissioner Scanson will plan contact the dealership and inquire about extending any warranty on the truck.

Auditor Ellen Roundy presented the BOCC with a raffle permit for the Carrington Park Board. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the raffle permit, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy also asked for approval to write a \$10.00 check to the NDDOT for license and registration on the Sheriff Charger. Com-

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

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

At 7:00 pm, Vice-Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission Public Hearing to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Scanson (via phone) and Commissioner Copenhaver (via phone). Also present was Auditor Ellen Roundy and Sheriff Justin Johnson.

The BOCC noted that next year they could levy additional funds to the repair fund that can be used for road infrastructure. Currently, they are levying six mills and it could go up to ten. Sheriff Johnson asked the BOCC if he could move funds around in his budget to get his deputy an additional dollar per hour on top of the three percent COLA. Johnson also asked about increasing the starting wage for a new deputy. Auditor Roundy will place this on the next BOCC to review.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

At 2:00 pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver all via phone. Also present was Auditor Ellen Roundy.

Auditor Ellen Roundy stated that Commissioner Utke had received information from Chris at EAPC for an extension to the deadline to bid for the basement project. There are contractors that would like to make a visit in person and are still working with subcontractors to get all the necessary information. Commissioner Utke motioned to extend the bid deadline from September 14th to September 28th with bid opening at 2:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

At 3:32 pm, Vice-Chairman Utke called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson via phone, and Commissioner Becky Hagel via phone. Also, present were Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, State's Attorney Kara Brinster, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the September 5th, 2023, regular meeting, September 8th, 2023, Special Meeting, September 11th, 2023, Public Hearing, and September 13th, 2023, Special Meeting. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve all minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Bills: Arrowwood Prairie Cop, \$520.26; Auto Value Parts Store, 56.98; Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; Barnes County Corrections, 2,992.89; Bessette Motors, Inc., 803.46; Brager Disposal Service, 349.00; Bremer Bank, N.A., 70.00; Briss Oil Company, 233.20; Butler Machinery Company, 262.51.

Carrington Motors, Inc., 1,180.00; Central Business Systems, 157.80; CMF, 1,065.93; Computer Express, 10,294.35; Comuter Express, 900.00; Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, 372.75; Information Technology Dept., 909.95; Jeff Golz, 1,500.00; Justin Johnson, 97.55; Kollman Furnace Repairs, 1,516.49; Merle or Eunice Munson, 700.00.

Normont Equipment Co., 1,571.22; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 278.99; Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 7,753.00; Quadient Finance, 1,000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., 417.00; Running's Supply, Inc., 63.01; Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 6,975.00; Wholesale Ag Products, 118.75; William J. Gale, 347.81.

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

Old Business
No old business to report.

New Business
Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the BOCC with the final budget for 2024. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy informed the BOCC that when their IT Contractor was at the Courthouse installing equipment, he indicated that it is too warm in the server room. The plan has always been to move the server, but it needs to be done sooner rather than later. There was no objection from the BOCC allowing Roundy to start prepping that work. Roundy provided the BOCC with the resignation from the EM/911 Coordinator Darlene Thomas. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the resignation and open the position, seconded by Com-

missioner Hagel. Commissioner Hagel stated that she spoke with Joe Lies and there is potential for a temporary agreement however it is not permanent, it would cover the position until hired and they are not prepared for that to happen yet. All voted aye and the motion passed. A committee met to review the Security plan. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve the updated security plan with changes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy presented the Juanita Lake Rental Agreement. Their office didn't have a lot to work with. The consensus is to continue last year's process for this year and Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson will go out to the lake this winter to assess the situation. Roundy presented the BOCC with corrections to Aflac and Retirement. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the corrections, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. At 3:00 pm earlier that day, they held the bid opening for the JD 4440 Tractor. They received five bids with the high bid being \$28,000 to Stuart Walen. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to accept the high bid, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Justin Johnson, Sheriff, approached the BOCC requesting higher starting wages for the deputy position and additional money for Sergeant Kruse. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve advertising the starting salary at \$55,000, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Com-

missioner Hagel wanted to note that when the BOCC voted to approve the additional overtime it was a huge step financially for the office. Commissioner Hagel motioned to approve an additional dollar raise for Sergeant Kruse on top of the 3% COLA starting in 2024, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. The department finished mowing highway ditches on September 18th. The docks at Juanita Lake were taken out earlier this month. Monson has ordered salt for sanding this winter. Commissioner Scanson had requested costs for a Ready Hitch for the mower. RDO priced one at \$22,000 and Butler priced one at \$33,000. The BOCC requested more information on the hitch.

Discussion was had on adding a tax per ton on trucks using the gravel pit. Auditor Roundy will do some research. There is potential for county roads to be opened again next year with the Garrison Diversion project. The County will look at haul maps and consequences for not hauling on designated roads. Roundy provided the BOCC with information from Tax Director Evans on the valuation for permanent and temporary easements. States Attorney Kara Brinster stated that the individual would still own the land and if they choose to sell the land, they will receive money for the 3.48 acres in the easement. Commissioner Hagel motioned to change the fee schedule to \$1,000 per acre for permanent easement and \$500 per acre for temporary ease-

ment, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Discussion was had and the motion failed. Commissioner Hagel motioned to change the fee schedule to \$1,200 per acre for permanent easement and \$600 for temporary easement, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Brinster stated based on the statute, no other action is required for the combination, consolidation, and appointment of the Foster County Auditor/Treasurer office. The resolution stands. Discussion was had on the current organization of committees for the BOCC. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to appoint Commissioner Hagel to the JDA and remove her appointment from the Board of Health, and to appoint Commissioner Beumer to the Board of Health and remove his appointment from the JDA, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC allowed Commissioner Utke permission to start contacting electricians for repairs at Juanita Lake Campground. EAPC was at the Courthouse last week meeting with contractors for the basement project. Jeff Gale had provided documents to the BOCC for scope of work that the Extension office does. The County will have to look at increasing their mills and how they want to educate the public.

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Utke adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor
Alan Scanson, Chairman
Foster County Board
of Commissioners
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DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Germans left behind

By the late 1800s, Catherine the Great was dead, Germany and Russia had become enemies and German Russians were being drafted into the military to fight their German kinsman. This marked the beginning of the second mass migration of Germans – this time from Russia to the United States, with a very large number of them settling in central and southwestern North Dakota.

The choice to stay or go wasn't an easy one. Germans had created thriving farms and businesses in separate communities that allowed them to retain their culture and language. Even as they became more and more threatened, many were reluctant to leave. By the 1920s, the ones who stayed behind were considered enemies of the state, and their lives became a living hell.

Michael Miller, a Germans from Russia bibliographer, has been communicating with a number of Germans who remained behind. In one letter, Lena Dyck wrote, "1929 to 1930 was a difficult time for us. Stalin gained power after Lenin's death. There were terrible conditions, people were deported, everything was left behind. Whoever had a good economical farm was evacuated. We were also on this list, although my sister could not go; dad was also sick, no mercy. At night during a cold winter, about 1,930 (of us) were put on cattle trains destined for the far cold north, deep into the woods. I, with other children, was allowed to go back, but where to? I earned my living with strangers, was not allowed to attend school as an enemy."

Another who remained in Russia was Johann Schauer. In a 1993 letter to relatives, he wrote, "Until the beginning of the Second World War we lived in Neudorf, Odessa. I was drafted into the Red Russia Army. (I) was wounded...and was two years in a POW camp in Germany. After that they made me a (Russian) translator in the German Army, and I was always close to the front... then I became a soldier in the German Army and fought to the end of the war... I had to fight against the Russians in Russia."

When Johann tried to find his parents after the war, they were no longer in Odessa. In 1944, they had been allowed to leave their farm but had to leave everything behind except what would fit into their horse-drawn wagon. They made it to Poland, but the following year, the Russians sent them to a Siberian slave-labor camp, the tragic fate of thousands of German Russians. Johann found them there, but he ended up getting arrested and jailed for five years for having served in the German army.

In 1988, Johann and his family were finally able to move to Germany, but ironically, they were unwelcome. Johann wrote, "From 1945 to 1988, we were always the German fascists (in Russia), but now in Germany? Here we are the Russians among the Germans. Many of our children (can't) speak German, (because the) German language was not allowed in Russia after the war."

For many years, Germans from Russian weren't allowed to communicate with Americans, but as that ban has lifted, more and more German Russians are connecting with distant family members here in North Dakota.

In view of our continuing loss of population, it is tempting to imagine what would happen if our long-lost relatives began a third mass migration... sauerkraut, anyone? Kuchen? Knepfia?

Dakota Datebook written by Merry Helm.
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**SUMMONS
FILE NUMBER 16-2023-CV-00042
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF FOSTER**

IN DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Ross Zink and Mary Zink
Plaintiffs

vs.

Tanya V. Keller, f/k/a Tanya V. Zink, and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the Complaint,

Defendants.
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND EACH OF THEM:

[¶1] You and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action which is filed with the Clerk of this Court by serving upon the undersigned at his office in the city of Carrington, North Dakota, an Answer or other proper response within 21 days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated at Carrington, North Dakota, this 25th day of September, 2023.

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**NOTICE OF NO
PERSONAL CLAIM**

[¶2] You are hereby notified that this action is brought for the purpose of determining adverse estates, interests, liens, or encumbrances and quieting title in the plaintiffs by excluding the defendants and each of them from any interest in or lien upon the following described real property in the county of Foster, state of North Dakota, to wit:

Township 145 North, Range 65 West, Foster County North Dakota;
Section 18: Auditor's Lot No. 9 located in the SW¼

[¶3] You and each of you are further notified that no personal claim is made against you and no costs will be claimed against any defendant not appearing.

Dated at Carrington, North Dakota, this 25th day of September, 2023.

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