

Public Notices

Notice of Public Organizational Meeting and Election Carrington Rural Ambulance District

As required by N.D.C.C. 23-27-07, the territory described below must organize into a Rural Ambulance Service District. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all qualified electors living within the boundaries of the territory described below, Wednesday June 25th – 6 pm at Foster County Courthouse located at 1000 5th St N, Carrington, ND 58421 an organizational meeting will be held to form the Carrington Rural Ambulance District and elect a Board of Directors.

Immediately following the organizational meeting, the District Board of Director's will hold a public meeting with the following agenda.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Nomination and Election of officers
3. Current ambulance service overview to District Board
4. Discuss Next Steps
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjourn

TERRITORY OF THE CARRINGTON RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT

- | Township | County | Range | Sections |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| Woodward, Wells, | 147-68 | All of 1-36 | |
| Birtsell, Foster, | 147-67 | Sections 7-36 | |
| Estabrook, Foster, | 147-66 | Sections 7-36 | |
| Nordmore, Foster, | 147-65 | Sections 7-36 | |
| Larrabee, Foster, | 147-67 | Sections 7-11,14-36 | |
| Florence, Foster, | 147-63 | Sections 29-32 | |
| Sykeston, Wells, | 146-69 | All of 1-36 | |
| Bilodeau, Wells, | 146-68 | All of 1-36 | |
| Wyard, Foster, | 146-67 | All of 1-36 | |
| Carrington, Foster, | 146-66 | All of 1-36 | |
| Rose Hill, Foster, | 146-65 | All of 1-36 | |
| Haven, Foster, | 146-64 | All of 1-36 | |
| Rolling Prairie, Foster, | 146-63 | Sections 3-10,15-22,27-34 | |
| Johnson, Wells, | 145-69 | All of 1-36 | |
| Hawksnest, Wells, | 145-68 | All of 1-36 | |
| Longview, Foster, | 145-67 | All of 1-36 | |
| Melville, Foster, | 145-66 | All of 1-36 | |
| Bordulac, Foster, | 145-65 | All of 1-36 | |
| Bucephalia, Foster, | 145-64 | All of 1-36 | |
| McKinnon, Foster, | 145-63 | Sections 3-10-15-22-27-34 | |
| Lowery, Stutsman, | 144-69 | All of 1-36 | |
| Conklin, Stutsman, | 144-68 | All of 1-36 | |
| Glacier, Stutsman, | 144-67 | All of 1-36 | |
| Walters, Stutsman, | 144-66 | All of 1-36 | |
| Edmunds, Stutsman, | 144-65 | All of 1-36 | |

- Kensal, Stutsman, 144-64 Sections 1-25
 - Nogosek, Stutsman, 144-63 Sections 5-8,18-20, 29-30
 - Gerber, Stutsman, 143-69 Sections 1-18
 - Wadsworth, Stutsman, 143-68 Sections 1-18
 - Unorganized, Stutsman, 143-67, Sections 1-18
 - Pipestem Valley, Stutsman, 143-66, Sections 1-18
 - Pingree, Stutsman, 143-65 Sections 1-18
 - City of Carrington, Foster All of City
 - City of Grace City, Foster All of City
 - City of Sykeston, Wells All of City
- Published per N.D.C.C. 11-28.3-05
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 6, 2025

At 3:30pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Foster County Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the April 15th, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the bills seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: 701 Wash, \$200.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 713.25; Avid Hawk, LLC, 60.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 191.74; Best Western - Roosevelt Place Hotel, 495.00; Brinster Law, P.C., 209.64; C&J Oil Company, 1,098.55; Central Business Systems, 93.81; Central City H20+, 13.50; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites, 297.00; Computer Express, 1,000.00.

Corean Swart, 279.20; Dacotah Paper Company, 173.87; Dan Poland Machine, Inc., 1,033.92; Foster County Independent, 740.78; Gilbertson's, 47.92; HR Collaborative, 50.00; Joseph Gushwa, 72.00; Justin Johnson, 161.74; Matthew Aberle, 88.97; Midstates Wireless, 252.00; Napa Auto Parts, 211.98; NDSU Dept. #3110, 208.73; NDSU Extension - Dept. 7510, 8,061.73.

ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 54.42; OK Tire Store, 341.82; Quill Corporation, 317.70; RDO Equipment Co., 5,160.00; Schulz PLBG., HTG. A/C, Inc., 120.00; Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 4,817.35; Stutsman County Auditor, 2,000.00; Swanson Equipment Corporation, 7,250.00; The Medicine Shoppe, 22.35; William J. Gale, 434.40.

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

Old Business
There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake or IT supplies for the commissioner room. Commissioner Utke will reach out to EAPC on the status of the last items needed for the basement renovation completion.

New Business
Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. Weather permitting, the load restrictions will be lifted in the middle of May. The docks at Juanita Lake have been placed. The bid opening for the oil distributor trailer was held at 3:00 PM. There was one bid from Doug Zink for \$7,602.00. Commissioner Scanson motioned to reject the bid, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Scanson motioned to readvertise for bids on the oil distributor, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Discussion included that it will be posted in the Foster County Independent for two weeks with bid deadline of May 19th at 4:00 PM and bid opening on May 20th at 3:00 PM. All voted aye and the motion passed. The BOCC received a memo from CP Rail regarding the train derailment. Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, has reviewed the information and does not feel that Foster County

would be receiving proper justification on damages done to roads during the derailment. The staging of trucks and equipment caused major impacts to the roads along with the number of trucks hauling on an end of life road. Monson provided the BOCC with information regarding road damage caused by Garrison Diversion pipeline. County residents are reaching out to Monson regarding the repair of damage. Monson stated that the road department was hired to maintain the roads, not fix the damage caused by trucks hauling. Concerns from the department also include hauling on soft roads and after major rain, causing extra work for the department. There are now three construction companies in town traveling around forty miles throughout the county. When the project first started, it was one company with only a handful of miles. Commissioner Utke noted that the committee working on road utility permitting is close to completing documents and will bring to BOCC for approval soon. Commissioner Scanson requested that Auditor/Treasurer Roundy put a memo together to send to townships stating they have authority over township roads and to contact Garrison Diversion directly with concerns. Monson noted that the bridge south and west of Grace City over the James River will be coming out after Labor Day. Monson updated the BOCC on ditch cleanout discussed during the April 15th, 2025, meeting. He and Pat Biel measured the area. There are fifteen spots on the east ditch with roughly a section of 422 feet being six to eight inches higher. The cost to clean out the ditch would be around \$3,000. Monson stated that dye ran through the culvert well and traveled through the ditch at a steady pace also. The work will not be able to be completed until mid-summer. It was also noted that with increased drain tiling there is more water flowing through the ditches than previously. The BOCC will table this until July.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, requested approval to open a deputy Clerk of Court position. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to open the position seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Wrestling Club turned in a gaming site authorization form for gaming at the Golf Course. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the gaming site authorization, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. There was a dummy parcel 01888001 placed in the taxation program for a mobile home on land not owned by the mobile home owner. When entered in the taxation system, a value was placed on the parcel when the mobile home is already valued in a different program. Roundy requested approval to abate the value in the taxation system. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the abatement for \$124.24, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roundy visited Aaron Johnson who, along with his family, covered maintenance at Juanita Lake in the previous year. Johnson is willing to do work again in 2025 for \$3,200. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve hiring Aaron Johnson to complete maintenance work for the requested \$3,200, seconded by Commissioner Roller. Roll call vote included:

Commissioner Roller – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
Commissioner Hagel – aye
Commissioner Scanson – aye
Commissioner Utke – aye
motion passed. Additional discussion included the campground reservation. The BOCC will review signage currently at Juanita Lake and bring updates and additional signage required to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hagel will visit with the Equalization Director, Karen Evans, on filling the vacancy for District 5 on planning and zoning. Commissioner Roller provided an update from the BOH. There has been uncertainty with funding sources as some of the COVID-19 funds must be returned. Additional discussion was had on legislative session items.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 14, 2025
At 1:00 pm, Madam Chair Hagel called the Foster County Commission Special Meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson via phone, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner Becky Hagel. Also present were Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Michael Rivinius with Wold Engineering and Foster County Independent reporter Nathan Price.

CP rail had proposed a memo outlining the traffic on the Bordulac and Murphy roads consequence of the July 5th, 2024, train derailment. In the memo, CP offered a payment of \$225,000 for damages. The breakout for that dollar amount included percentage of road use and missed overloaded permits.

Michael Rivinius, Wold Engineering, felt that the traffic data was reasonable, however big items missed was the staging of trucks and equipment for days on the road, overloaded trucks making multiple trips to the site, and vehicle traffic. Commissioner Utke stated that large equipment was put together on the road itself, causing holes and large breaks in the road. Foster County State's Attorney stated that it's reasonable to say there is an intangible piece that cannot be quantified. A new overlay to the road would put the road in better condition than prior to the train derailment, trying to go back and capture the exact road condition prior to the damage is almost impossible. Commissioner Utke stated that it would be reasonable for the county to come up with a list as an estimate for costs incurred, understanding that this was an emergency and necessary for the railroad to do, however, the Foster County taxpayers should not be responsible for those repairs. Road Superintendent Nate Monson indicated that the road use by CP was in a condensed amount of time in comparison to the traffic count that considers a year's worth of data, in the summer and when it was wet also speeds up the deterioration of the road.

Commissioner Utke asked Rivinius what an overlay would cost as an estimate. Rivinius figured this year the estimate would be 2.7 million, that's what the road needs. The BOCC noted that items not considered in the memo that are hard to quantify are overloaded trucks without a permit, vehicle traffic not just trucks, and the staging area use on the roads. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to send a response to CP rail requesting \$2,700,000 in damages, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Additional discussion included requesting a response by June 16th, 2025. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Madam Chair Hagel adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

MAY 20, 2025
At 3:30pm, Vice-Chair Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, Commissioner Alan Scanson and Commissioner David Utke. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Auditor/Treasurer Ellen Roundy, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the May 6th, 2025, regular meeting and May 14th, 2025, special meeting. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the bills seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, \$961.30; Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; Beverly Johnson, 800.00; Bremer Bank, N.A., 35.00; Bremer Insurance Agencies, Inc., 44,598.00; Computer Express, 1,693.96; Corean Swart, 400.00; Dacotah Paper Company, 287.86; EAPC Architects Engineers, 224.80; Holcim - MWR, Inc., 2,854.30.

Information Technology Dept., 1,155.35; Jamestown Regional Medical Center, 1,249.00; John Deere Financial, 151.22;

Justin Johnson, 550.00; Kelton Roy Hagel, 400.00; Leo Straley, 295,500.00; Maertens Welding and Machine Company, 778.68; ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 437.73; Running's Supply, Inc., 229.30; Trifectah Solutions, 246.00; Workforce Safety & Insurance, 252.56.

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

Old Business
There was no update on the lots by Juanita Lake or IT supplies for the commissioner room.

New Business
Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update on the department. County roads have been very soft due to the rainfall received in the area. One bid was received for the 1000-gallon distributor trailer. Greencat services LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$8,550.00. Commissioner Utke motioned to reject the bid seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Discussion was had on being able to trade in the equipment or wait a few weeks and put it out for bids again. All voted aye and the motion passed. Monson provided a notice to be placed in the Foster County Independent for mowing ditches. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the ad, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Computer Express provided an estimate for cameras on the exterior of the shop for the road department. The estimate for four cameras came out to \$3,750. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the camera estimate and have them installed on the building, seconded by Commissioner Roller. Roll call voted included:

Commissioner Roller – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

Commissioner Scanson – aye
Commissioner Utke – aye
motion passed.

Auditor/Treasurer Roundy presented the BOCC with a Memo to be sent to CP regarding the July 2024 train derailment. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve the memo having Madam Chair Hagel and State's Attorney Brinster sign and send off, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer, provided information to the BOCC on increasing building coverage to match replacement costs. Currently, the courthouse is insured at just under six million. The replacement cost for the courthouse is estimated to be thirteen million. A few other county buildings are under insured. The estimated cost to bring the buildings up to replacement cost would be \$4,680.04. The building coverage renewal date is July 1, 2025. Commissioner Scanson would like to table the decision until the second BOCC meeting in June.

Karen Evans, Equalization Director, approached the BOCC regarding items approved at the May 20th, 2025, planning and zoning board (P&Z) meeting. Caylor Rosenau has indicated his willingness to serve on the board as a representative from Commissioner District 5. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve the appointment of Caylor Rosenau, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed. Three building permits were approved at the P&Z meeting. Louis Halvorson applied for a house on Juanita Lake, Jason Sisson applied to have a garage brought in on his property, and Verizon requested a one-year extension for equipment modification on existing towers. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve all three building permits, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed. A public hearing was held for Central Power Electric Cooperative at the P&Z meeting. Proposed is an overhead transmission line to run from the Kensal substation to the Glenfield substation. During the P&Z meeting, no one from the public attended and the board approved of a conditional use permit. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the conditional use permit, seconded by Commissioner Roller. Discussion included location and height of the lines. Evans stated the work will begin in June. Roll call voted included:

Commissioner Roller – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
Commissioner Scanson -aye
Commissioner Utke – ab-

stained motion passed. Lastly, Jamie with Computer Express had reached out to Evans regarding the server that holds property information. The server has a bad hard drive. The hard drive needs to be replaced soon or upgrade the server itself. The cost to upgrade the server is \$2,024.95 and replacing the hard drive is estimated to be around \$800.00. Commissioner Roller motioned to approve replacing the server, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. Roll call vote included:

Commissioner Roller – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

Commissioner Scanson – aye
Commissioner Utke – aye
motion passed.

Commissioner discussion included liability coverage that the county currently pays for the Historical Society and Fair Board. This coverage covers the boards for liability, not the building or grounds. The county currently pays a total of \$4,953 for coverage of the boards. Options the county has are to continue paying for the liability coverage, have a cost share of their portion with each entity, or move to their own policy. NDIRF and our insurance agent do not require one way or another. Commissioner Utke would like a letter sent to each entity letting them know what the BOCC is considering. The basement renovation is nearing completion. All major items have been addressed and taken care of. The new fire alarm system comes with an option for an annual subscription of call-out services. The BOCC will get the estimates and review if that is something they wish to move forward with. Commissioner Utke provided an update on the Ambulance service. New requirements mandate that ambulance services not privately owned move to a district. Carrington Ambulance and McHenry Ambulance are working on cleaning up the district lines. Carrington Ambulance must also form a district, creating a board and holding an election. Commissioner Utke has been in contact with Jodi Hovdenes at the Hospital regarding this transition and will update the BOCC when dates are provided. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson have been working on creating a strategy that will work for camping at Juanita Lake. They have been in contact with a resident who is willing to keep an eye on the campgrounds throughout the season. This individual has also sprayed for weeds and cleaned up county property on their own time and dollar. The consensus from the BOCC is to continue to allow Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson the authority to visit with the individual, along with working with the Auditor's Office regarding new signage.

With no further business, Vice-Chair Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Ellen Roundy, Auditor/Treasurer
Becky Hagel, Chairman,
Foster County
Board of Commissioners
(Publish June 9, 2025)

NOTICE OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by FOSTER COUNTY COMMISSION until 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 16th, 2025 for the sale of the following Foster County property:

STRATOS DMT-1,000 Gal-Ion Distributor Trailer. (Year 2017)

Bids may be sent to Ellen Roundy, Auditor, P.O. Box 104, Carrington, ND, 58421

The STRATOS Distributor Trailer may be viewed/inspected at Foster County Shop by contacting Nate Monson (652-5733). Successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a purchase agreement with Foster County.

The Foster County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities or irregularities, and to award a purchase agreement it deems to be in best interest of Foster County.

Sealed Bid opening will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:00 pm, in the Commissioners Room at the Foster County Courthouse.

DETAILS:

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WELCOMING HOME

TO CARRINGTON:

Joseph & Klarissa's son

Henry



Austin & Grace's son

Asher



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 20


Woodworth Fire Hall

4:30 p.m. - Registration

5:00 p.m. - Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Meal

6:30 p.m. - Entertainment



752-4143

Entertainment this year will be provided by comedian Tim Harmston. Tim has made TV appearances on Late Show with David Letterman, Comedy Central and NBC's Last Comic Standing. Come and celebrate 70 years in business with us!

In accordance with the bylaws, notice is hereby given that a bylaw amendment will be considered and voted on at the annual meeting. In addition, 2 directors will be up for election.