

Town of Fowler Year-End Transfer Meeting Minutes for December 23, 2024 at 3:00PM

The Year-End Transfer Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with four board members present. Councilperson Bishop was not in attendance. Also, present were Town Clerk Tami Gale, Bookkeeper Barbara Finnie, and Highway Superintendent Randy Durham.

Supervisor Newwine called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19 of 2024

USDA LOAN FOR 2026 MACK PLOW TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Knight to adopt a resolution to allow the Town board of the Town of Fowler to approve a bond for a USDA truck loan in the amount of \$288,000.00 for the acquisition of a 2026 MACK Plow Truck.

Roll Call on the vote:

AYES: 4 NEWWINE, SIMMONS, CLEVELAND, KNIGHT

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTION # 20 of 2024

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CASE & LEADER FOR 2026 MACK PLOW TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Knight to adopt a resolution to allow Supervisor Newwine to sign three legal services agreements with Case & Leader for the services necessary to accomplish the acquisition of a 2026 MACK Plow Truck.

The Town will pay fees and disbursements to Case & Leader for professional services rendered in accordance herewith. The maximum fee and disbursements shall not exceed \$3,500.00. This amount is exclusive of that to be paid to bond counsel. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call on the vote:

AYES: 4 NEWWINE, SIMMONS, CLEVELAND, KNIGHT

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTION # 21 of 2024

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOND COUNCIL FOR 2026 MACK PLOW TRUCK

A motion was made by Councilperson Knight seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adopt a resolution to allow Supervisor Newwine to sign three legal services agreements with bond counsel for the services necessary to accomplish the acquisition of a 2026 MACK Plow Truck.

The Town will pay fees and disbursements to bond council for professional services rendered in accordance herewith. The maximum fee and disbursements shall be \$4,750.00. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call on the vote:

AYES: 4 NEWWINE, SIMMONS, CLEVELAND, KNIGHT

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION # 22 of 2024

DECEMBER 23, 2024 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Supervisor Newwine submitted Resolution #22 of 2024 to the board for adoption. The Town of Fowler December 23, 2024, Budget Transfers were described by Bookkeeper Barbara Finnie as transfers to get accounts out of the hole and make accounts even. The Budget Transfers from the General Fund totaled \$8,450.00 and went to balance 9 accounts. The Budget Transfers from the Highway Fund totaled \$268,800.00 and went to balance 11 accounts.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to adopt Resolution #22 of 2024, Town of Fowler December 23, 2024, Budget Transfers. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call on the vote:

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, CLEVELAND, KNIGHT

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

Bookkeeper

Bookkeeper Barbara Finnie:

- Provided Town of Fowler Cash Balance month ending November 30, 2024, and Budget Balance month ending November 30, 2024 reports to the board for their review.
- Reported 110.84% of the General Fund has been spent and 134.52% of revenue has been received.
- Reported 81.86% of the Highway Fund has been spent and 88.91% of revenue has been received.
- Discussed there may be further budget amendments and transfers presented at the January 13, 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION ON WAGE FOR INTERN AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Newwine asked the board their thoughts on paying a wage to highway department intern Gage Cornell, who has his CDL license and is knowledgeable in heavy equipment. After some discussion it was the consensus of the board to pay a wage of \$17.00 an hour to Gage Cornell while he interns with the Town of Fowler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

Supervisor Newwine asked for a motion to audit the bills. A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Knight to audit the bills. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund were #509 to #539 with a total of \$20,066.25.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be the Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January, 13th, 2025, at 6PM.

Supervisor Newwine wished everyone a Happy New Year.

At 3:28PM, a motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Knight to adjourn the Year -End Transfer meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tami Gale, Town Clerk