

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 19, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Knauf and Malm present. Commissioner Pic and Schmisek were absent. Commissioner Schmisek was absent due to other county business.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #165182-165425 in the amount of \$803,709.10 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$21,597.59; employee status changes for Suzanne Kilichowski and Susan Campbell; overtime; Game of Chance Permits for the Air Force Sergeant Association Chapter and the Grand Forks AFB Sportsmans Club; Social Services out-of-state travel and the February Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mara Jiran, Alliance for Healthcare Access Project Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter of support for the establishment of a Community Health Center in Grand Forks. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Larimore Law Enforcement Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Emily Wright, Grand Forks Housing Authority Executive Administrator, addressed the board.

The Housing Authority abatements were tabled until the next meeting on April 2, 2013.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the variance application of Nick West to allow a windbreak to be planted 75' from centerline of a township road in the NW ¼ of section 27, Allendale Township, with the following condition: all tree rows on the site plan shall be planted in the same calendar year, and be concurrently maintained. Motion carried unanimously.

Jody Thompson, Grand Forks Public Schools Assistant Superintendent, Janell Regimbal, Lutheran Social Service Senior Vice President and Kristi Hall-Jiran, Community Violence Intervention Center Director gave an update on the Safer Tomorrows Project.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Bret Burkholder to attend the American Jail Association Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 5 – 9, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Leake, 2371 10th Ave NE, Emerado, addressed the board about his concerns regarding the new pipeline proposed by Enbridge Pipelines.

Lane Magnuson will be asked to research Mr. Leake's concerns and report back at the next meeting on April 2, 2013.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:51pm. The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2013.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor