

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 4, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Knauf, Malm, Schmisek and Pic present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #1276 thru Check #1416 in the amount of \$702,077.13, employee status changes for Matthew Casper, Jason Johnston, Roderick Kelley, Monica Lopez, Kevin Van Camp, Danielle E. Thompson, and Wade Ratajczak; approval of overtime, County Deeds on 45-2801-00009-000, 45-2801-00001-002 and 45-2301-00007-000; game of chance permit for Midway Public School; and ND Department of Transportation Maintenance Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to demolish the structure on parcel number 48-0001-00031-000, 48-0001-00032-000 and 48-0001-00033-000 acquired by Grand Forks County by Tax Deed. Bids are not required because of the emergency situation, according to NDCC 48-01.2-04(2). The City of Niagara will be asked to participate in the cost after the structure is removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Magnuson will be attending the Enbridge Conference, February 6, 2014 at 9:00am at the Alerus Center. He said the Commissioners are welcome to attend. Commissioner Malm will be attending.

Scott Clayton, Highway Office & Project Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to accept the low bids from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation, Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for class 13 gravel & hauling, Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate, Contech Engineered Solutions, Shakopee, MN and True North Steel, Fargo, ND for riveted copper steel culverts, aprons and multi-plate arches, and Cretex Concrete Products North, Maple Grove, MN for pre-stressed concrete bridge beams. Motion carried unanimously.

George Schlossberg, Kutak Rock LLP, presented the Development Agreement and Sublease for the Grand Sky Enhanced Use Lease Project via telephone.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the execution of the Development Agreement and Sublease for the Grand Sky Enhanced Use Lease and to authorize Commissioner Schmisek to sign the documents once the contingencies, as presented, have been met. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to retain the Yonkers Group to prepare a Strategic Plan to retain the Grand Forks Air Force Base at a cost of \$30,000 to be paid from the North Dakota State Base Retention Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridgie Hansen, Risk Manager, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve out-of-state travel for Bridgie Hansen to attend the BLR Safety Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, April 9-11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director and Lisa Piche, Northeast Assistant Regional Supervisor for Child Welfare Services, gave an update on the foster care

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to call for bids for election ballot printing for the Primary and General Elections in 2014, and any Special Elections that might be called in 2014 & 2015, said bids will be opened March 4, 2014 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the classification of the County Engineer position as a grade 22 and approve the presented advertisement seeking a County Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, reviewed the Water and Weed Board statutes.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to increase the Weed Board's per diem from \$65 to \$90, effective January 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmisek presented Grand Forks County Policies to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to send the BRIC/EUL Coordinator job description to Springsted for classification. Motion carried unanimously.

ICON Architectural Group will present a proposal to do a facility study on March 4, 2014.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the change order for \$1,625 to the Grand Forks County Correctional Center Group Holding Cell Addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Flex Spending rollover option and allow \$500 to be carried over into the next plan year effective with the current plan year. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm. The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2014.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor