

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 18, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the order of agenda adding Dr. Sens after the consent 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 #1874 thru Check #2115 in the amount of \$780,566.52 and purchasing card transactions of \$18,025.07; employee status changes for Larry Sayre, Samantha Suedel and Staci Nunn; approval of overtime; February financial report; game of chance permit for UND Wildlife Society; and Social Services out-of-state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mary Ann Sens, County Coroner, address the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to allow Dr. Sens to apply for a Paul Coverdell Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Dahl, Information Technology Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase and installation of 12 additional surveillance cameras at a cost of \$18,968 from Capital Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to implement the use of digitized soils using the updated detailed soil survey data that re-valued soils based on the productivity index for the 2014 agricultural values. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to reappoint the following Soil Committee members for three year terms: Terry Stromsodt, Jeff Trosen, Frank Matejcek, Allan Peterson and David Burkland. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to deny the request to purchase stun-cuffs for the Grand Forks County Courthouse. Motion failed with Malm and Murphy voting aye and Schmisek and Knauf voting nay.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the purchase of four sets of stuncuffs for the Grand Forks County Courthouse from the District Court line item in the General Fund budget. Motion carried with Schmisek, Knauf and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approved out-of-state travel for Sheriff Rost and Lieutenant Maxson to attend the FBI National Academy Association Re-Trainer in Rapid City, SD, August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Veer and Todd Leake, Northwood Hockey Boosters, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on a Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Recreation Grant application on behalf of Northwood Hockey Boosters. If the grant is awarded, Northwood Hockey Boosters will provide a Hold Harmless Agreement for Grand Forks County and Grand Forks County will be added to Northwood Hockey Booster's liability insurance as an additional insured after the building is constructed. Motion carried with Murphy, Schmisek and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

The Commission will decide who will attend the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District meeting when the grant is discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Becky Ault, Public Safety Answering Point Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to forward the Grand Forks County Public Safety Answering Point Joint Powers Agreement to the next Public Safety and Infrastructure meeting and to the full board April 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Haley Thorson, Grand Forks Public Health, gave an update on the Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Policy and thanked the Commission for their support.

Chairman Murphy said the Grand Forks Public Health letter will be part of the permanent record.

Brian Schill, Grand Forks Public Library President, gave the final report of the Grand Forks Library Working Group.

Todd Feland, Grand Forks City Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to expand the library board membership from 5 to 7 members, to include a Grand Forks County Commissioner and a Grand Forks County resident and support the Grand Forks Public Library project. Motion carried unanimously.

Lonnie Laffen, ND State Senator, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to appoint the following Election Inspectors for the 2014 Elections: Don Piper, Inspector, and Tom Harlow, Assistant Inspector - Alerus Center - Precincts 1, 5, 24, 26 & 27. NDCC 16.1-05-01(b) and Rae Ann Hanson- Bible Baptist Church – Precinct 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Alerus Center, June 2 – June 6, 2014, the hours will be 10:00am – 6:00pm. NDCC 16.1-07-15(1). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to write off the uncollectible accounts of Dean Johnson, \$298.93 and Clifford Sondrol, \$173.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve out-of-state travel for Ed Nierode to travel to Washington, DC in support of the Base Retention Committee, from April 6 -9, 2014. BRIC State Funding will be used for this travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Javin Bedard, GF Public Health, addressed the board.

The junk complaint will be returned to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to have Mr. Welte draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a space utilization study, to determine the best efficiency for housing current County and State departments within the Grand Forks County Courthouse, the County Office Building and a separate option for the Correctional Center. The RFP will be reviewed at April 15, 2014 Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioner Malm to a two year term on the GF/EGF Metropolitan Executive Policy Board beginning April 1, 2014.

Chairman Murphy appointed Peter Kuhn to serve on the City Planning Commission.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the HB1358 funding reimbursement request. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm. The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2014.

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William Murphy, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor