

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 15, 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 Pic, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda adding Dale Rivard, Assistant States Attorney, after item #7. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #2320 thru Check #2546 in the amount of \$441,695.46 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$26,253.11; employee status changes for Mark Dudgeon, Dustin Hayenga, and Danielle Thompson; approval of overtime; Social Services out-of-state travel, Ashley Lions Club Gaming Site Authorization, March Financial Report; and Game of Chance Permit for Airman Activity Council. Motion carried unanimously.

George Schlossberg, Kutak Rock, explained the Charter of the Grand Forks Air Force Base Retention Committee and the Yonkers Group Contract, via telephone.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Charter of the Grand Forks Air Force Base Retention Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Agreement with The Yonkers Group, LLC for Implementation of a Strategic Plan and Consulting Services to Retain Grand Forks Air Force Base at a cost not to exceed \$430,000, effective April 16, 2014 to April 15, 2016. This is to be paid from the Grand Forks Air Force Base Retention Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West the recently hired Grand Forks County Highway Engineer was introduced to the Grand Forks County Commission.

Dale Rivard, Assistant States Attorney, addressed the board regarding the extraterritorial issue between Grand Forks City and Grand Forks County about the junk complaint.

Javin Bedard, Grand Forks Public Health, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to have Grand Forks Public Health notify the owner of the property located at 8274 17th Ave S regarding the junk violation. Public Health will inform the Grand Forks County Commissioners of the response that is received and they will proceed accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Gengler, Grand Forks City Planner, agreed to provide the Grand Forks County Planning and Zoning Department a map of the Grand Forks City extraterritorial zoning area.

Todd Leake, Northwood Hockey Boosters, will attend the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Recreation Committee Meeting on April 30, 2014, when the Northwood Hockey Boosters Recreation Grant application is discussed.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Luellen Hart, Eligibility Supervisor, addressed the board.

Ms. Hart stated that they are very proud of Eligibility Worker Susan Kollar for receiving the 2014 Individual Eagle Award from the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

Ms. Hart also said that Grand Forks County Social Services received the Soaring Eagle Award from North Dakota Department of Human Services. The criteria used for the award includes: timeliness processing, error rates, correct determinations of negative actions, client surveys and surveys throughout the community. She said to get this award is quite an accomplishment.

Todd Blixt, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board regarding the remodeling of the Grand Forks County Office Building 4th floor storage room for Social Services. The cost of the project has been estimated at \$20,000 - \$25,000 to renovate the space and move the security door. The furniture would be an additional \$26,000.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to proceed with the remodeling of the 4th floor storage area in the Grand Forks County Office Building, on an emergency basis, because of the urgent need for space due to the additional staff hired by Social Services to meet the requirements of the Affordable Health Care Act. Motion carried with Murphy, Malm, Schmisek and Pic voting aye and Knauf voting nay.

Mr. Blixt was asked to contact Kate Kenna, NE Human Services Director, regarding the project.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the TurnKey Corrections Jail Service Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkholder will research options for replacing the electronic control system for Grand Forks County Correctional Center and he will bring back a recommendation at a future meeting.

Brandis Lafrombois, GF Fair Manager, addressed the board.

Dennis Pazderic, GF Fair Board, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to reimburse the GF Fair for three Bergstrom Electric invoices for a total of \$15,230.69 from the County Park fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional bids for improvements at Grand Forks Fairgrounds will be discussed at the May 6th Commission Meeting.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the proclamation supporting National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 13-19, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services, as amended. The RFQ will be published April 22nd, April 29th and May 6, 2014. The date for the informational meeting will be May 13, 2014 at 2:00pm, with the Grand Forks County Commissioners. The proposals will be accepted until June 2, 2014 at 5:00pm and the proposals will be publically opened June 3, 2014 at 3:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, and David Burkland, Grand Forks Soils Committee Chairman, will be asked to review the 2014 Grand Forks County Agricultural Values with the Grand Forks County Commission on May 6, 2014 at 2:00pm. (The date and time of this meeting was changed to April 24, 2014 at 2:00pm)

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2014.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor