

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 17, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Knauf, Malm, Engen, Pic and Falck present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #11438-11673 in the amount of \$2,949,602.25 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$20,277.21; employee status changes for Todd Amundson, Sara Bondy, Daniel Gibson, Derek Rakoczy, Barb Gangelhoff and Madison Weber; overtime, Social Service out-of-state travel; October financial report; and game of chance permit for ND Shooting Sports Assn. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the purchase of a new phone system for the Emergency Management Office at a cost of \$15,900 for 26 phones from Reliance Telephone System. The capital improvement budget will be amended by \$15,900. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to designate \$40,000, of the \$500,000 2015 Base Retention Grant, for travel for Base Retention Impact Committee members. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to allow the Military Affairs Committee (MAC) to purchase \$1,000 of MAC/Golden Eagle coins with the 2015 Base Retention Grant funds. Motion carried with Knauf, Engen, Falck and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve a Human Resources Generalist position in the Human Resource Department, grade 15 up to a step 3, effective January 1, 2016. The 2016 Human Resource budget will be amended for this position by \$60,956. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to allow the Human Resource Department to hire an intern to perform human resources functions at a rate of pay \$13.12, Grade 3, for 20 hours a week for 3 to 4 months. The 2016 Human Resource budget will be amended by \$4,200. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to send a letter to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to oppose the proposed Staggered T-Intersection Configuration intersection at County Road 5 and US Highway 2, to delay any major intersection improvements to allow more time to see what type of development occurs in the area, to support the immediate implementation of the Interim Improvement Strategy Signage, and continue to look at other options to slow highway speeds in the area. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, the Grand Forks County Commission will accompany Ms. Nelson to a Grand Forks City Council meeting requesting a Voting Center be used in the City of Grand Forks for the 2016 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, gave an update on the hiring of the Social Services Director.

Nick West, County Engineer, will email AE2S regarding the Front Street Improvement Project in Larimore, ND.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm. The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2015 at 4:00pm.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor