

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 4, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Knauf, Pic, Falck, Rost and Engen present. Commissioner Pic joined the meeting at 4:03pm.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Rost, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #34002 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1550, 34003 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 34004 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 34005 - Lombardi Lou- \$63.25, 34006 - Midcontinent Communications- \$3302.14, 34007 - Walsh County Sheriff- \$500, 34008 - A+ Yard and Snow LLC- \$7308.75, 34009 - Alerus Financial- \$1500, 34010 - Altru Clinic Pharmacy- \$8.99, 34011 - Altru Health System (978)- \$302.26, 34012 - Anderson, Shellene- \$50, 34013 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$991.61, 34014 - Comfort Keepers- \$777.29, 34015 - Development Homes- \$145, 34016 - FedEx- \$90.08, 34017 - GF Fire Equipment Company- \$46, 34018 - GF Public Health Department- \$17507.41, 34019 - Gove James- \$377.41, 34020 - Greater GF Fair & Exhibition- \$24606.48, 34021 - Greg's Lawn & Landscape- \$4824, 34022 - Hain Katelyn- \$75, 34023 - Kuenzel Kelly- \$49.5, 34024 - Martin Savannah- \$750, 34025 - McIntyre Magdalena- \$571.64, 34026 - Medicine Shoppe- \$151.95, 34027 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$375, 34028 - ND Dept of Health/Microbiology- \$50, 34029 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$5374.75, 34030 - Northern Laundry Systms Serv & Sales- \$322.5, 34031 - Telelanguage Inc- \$129.63, 34032 - Verizon Wireless- \$236.71, 34033 - Whitten Blair- \$1127.98, 34034 - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$38824.24, 34035 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$78.26, 34036 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$56.3, 34037 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$63.91, 34038 - 1101 Dental Pllc- \$437, 34039 - Advanced Business Methods- \$141, 34040 - All Pro Embroidery- \$60, 34041 - Allstate Peterbilt- \$45.02, 34042 - Allstream- \$69.25, 34043 - Altru Health System (978)- \$794.23, 34044 - Ameripride Services, Inc.- \$400.08, 34045 - Amundson Funeral Home- \$13800, 34046 - Anderson Dorinda- \$78.77, 34047 - At & T Mobility- \$95, 34048 - Balco Uniform Co- \$3403.21, 34049 - Barrett Mary- \$59, 34050 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$2850, 34051 - Beltrami County Sheriffs Office- \$70, 34052 - Bob Barker Company- \$218.39, 34053 - Border States Electric Supply- \$6.56, 34054 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$18.35, 34055 - Cintas- \$82.54, 34056 - CNA Surety- \$50, 34057 - Cole Paper Inc.- \$3509.24, 34058 - Daydreams Specialties- \$41, 34059 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 34060 - Dell Marketing Lp- \$3056.39, 34061 - Dietzler Electric LLC- \$2107.01, 34062 - Docu Shred Inc- \$230.79, 34063 - East Side Auto Service- \$410.54, 34064 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$101.96, 34065 - Egstad Rachel R- \$350, 34066 - Embrace Pharmacy Inc.- \$742.01, 34067 - Fordville Cooperative Marketing Assoc- \$2457.6, 34068 - Forks Freightliner- \$516.63, 34069 - Fossum Diane- \$150, 34070 - Galls An Aramark Company- \$438.27, 34071 - Gehrz Thomas A- \$367.5, 34072 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 34073 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 34074 - GF Cnty Sheriffs Dept- \$303.74, 34075 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$404.72, 34076 - GF Welding & Machine- \$1489.12, 34077 - Global Safety Network- \$470.5, 34078 - Grey Wall Software, LLC- \$17305, 34079 - Heeco Warehouse- \$130, 34080 - Home of Economy- \$166.04, 34081 - IBM- \$1091.32, 34082 - Interstate Power Systems Inc- \$445.23, 34083 - Ista, Zachary M - \$45.5, 34084 - Jasmer Faye- \$374.5, 34085 - Keith's Security World- \$17, 34086 - Kiesler Police Supply, Inc- \$1545.18, 34087 - Kin Fat Lai- \$206.4, 34088 - Lacoursiere Max- \$374.5, 34089 - Lake of The Woods County Sheriff's Offic- \$45, 34090 - Larson Meredith- \$432.9, 34091 - Lawson Products Inc- \$98.51, 34092 - Liberty Business

Systems Inc- \$201.02, 34093 - Little Keepers.- \$267.11, 34094 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$5491.2, 34095 - Marco - Mn- \$149.5, 34096 - Medina County Sheriff's Office- \$36, 34097 - Menards- \$48.86, 34098 - Midcontinent Communications- \$621.84, 34099 - Montana Vital Records- \$24, 34100 - Mutch Oil Co- \$6513.78, 34101 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$800, 34102 - ND County Auditor's Assoc- \$375, 34103 - NDACE- \$350, 34104 - Nelson Auto Center Inc- \$40209.96, 34105 - Nelson International- \$440.21, 34106 - Network Center, Inc- \$903.9, 34107 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$111, 34108 - Norby's Work Perks- \$3162.59, 34109 - Northern Laundry Systms Serv & Sales- \$260, 34110 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$258.91, 34111 - Noss Sewing & Alterations- \$75, 34112 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$216.09, 34113 - Orchard Oil Co- \$97.5, 34114 - OSI Environmental- \$200, 34115 - Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$584.32, 34116 - Phoenix Supply- \$1843.84, 34117 - Praxair- \$175.1, 34118 - Quality Inn-Bismarck- \$86.4, 34119 - Ramada Inn-Grand Forks- \$325.7, 34120 - RDO Truck Center- \$140.39, 34121 - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$2854.13, 34122 - Red River Welders Supply- \$38.25, 34123 - Reliance Inmate Systems- \$2000, 34124 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$463.5, 34125 - Rydell Chevrolet- \$90.73, 34126 - Safe Kids- \$20, 34127 - Sherman Jodi- \$32, 34128 - Staples Advantage- \$49.68, 34129 - Thur-O-Clean- \$485, 34130 - Tollefson Funeral Home- \$2300, 34131 - Toshiba Business Solutions- \$26.55, 34132 - Triix Customs- \$300, 34133 - True North Equipment- \$710.64, 34134 - Valley Petroleum Equipment Inc- \$210.89, 34135 - Verizon Wireless- \$251.49, 34136 - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$4422.6, 34137 - Aflac Group- \$592.68, 34138 - American Family Life Assurance- \$7471.95, 34139 - Avesis Third Party Adm, Inc- \$2777.48, 34140 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND (Payroll)- \$330028.44, 34141 - Collection Center Inc- \$389.05, 34142 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$795.18, 34143 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$98, 34144 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$352, 34145 - ND F.O.P.- \$550, 34146 - NYS Child Support Processing Center- \$847.98, 34147 - Robert G Drummond- \$50, 34148 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$131.31, 34149 - United States Treasury- \$91.15, 34150 - US Department of Education Awg- \$258.78, 34151 - USAble Life- \$49.08; employee status change for Shawn Potestio, Aaron Dahlen, Heidi Olek, Alexander Akers, Jonathan Smith, Constance Wilkie and Matthew Abrahamson; overtime; game of chance permit for Forks Rifle Club; and beer and liquor license for Whispering Oaks Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pic joined the meeting.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Manager, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the following Grand Forks County Emergency Declaration. Motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County experienced extreme and unprecedented weather conditions including excessive fall rainfall and a fall blizzard resulting in extremely saturated soils, high water tables, and above average flows on the mainstem Red River of the North and its tributaries;

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County has the potential for further damage to roads, bridges, culverts, farmlands, homes, businesses and other public infrastructure facilities from overland flooding and the flooding of the mainstem and tributaries to the Red River of the North as it reaches or exceeds flood stage in the Spring;

WHEREAS, the impact of these potential damages may threaten the health, well-being and public safety of citizens in Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the National River Forecasting Center predicts that there is a greater than 65% chance of major flooding occurring in Grand Forks County resulting in the need for immediate emergency preparedness measures to be enacted;

WHEREAS, the cost of response, cleanup, repair and replacement of such damaged facilities may be in excess of available County resources.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Grand Forks County, a municipal corporation by and through the Board of County Commissioners, Grand Forks County, North Dakota, declares Grand Forks County, its cities, its public and private areas, to be an emergency area and orders the activation and utilization of the Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of the emergency upon the citizens of Grand Forks County.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to approve the purchase of 400,000 sandbags at cost of .14 per bag from the Emergency fund. Grand Forks City will contribute 50% of the \$56,000 cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to appoint Leah Gustafson Ista to the Emergency Management Board for an unexpired two year term. The term will expire on March 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Schneider addressed the board.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, was designated the Grand Forks County Relocation Coordinator for the potential 2020 spring flooding.

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Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to accept the bid from Tecta America for the construction and replacement of the Grand Forks County courthouse roof for \$118,460. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to approve the 2019-2021 Grand Forks Enhanced Use Lease Development Grant #19-21.006 for \$3,000,000, between the North Dakota Department of Commerce and Grand Forks County with Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

State's Attorney Haley Wamstad addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the Chair signature on the Red River Biorefinery Series 2020 bond documents, contingent upon approval by the State's Attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to create an Asset Forfeiture Board to review applications for expenditures from the Asset Forfeiture fund. The Asset Forfeiture Board will be allowed to approve expenditures up to \$10,000. The board will be comprised of the State's Attorney, Sheriff

and Finance and Tax Director or their designees and Commissioner Engen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rost, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm. The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Diane K. Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor