

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 5, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Knauf, Pic, Falck, Rost and Engen present. Commissioners Pic, Engen and Falck participated via telephone.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the order of the agenda, adding a Gaming Site Authorization for Whispering Oaks Golf Course as part of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check # 35104 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$63.91, 35105 - 1101 Dental PLLC- \$1438, 35106 - A+ Yard and Snow LLC- \$2500, 35107 - Advance Auto Parts- \$26.23, 35108 - Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.- \$41.79, 35109 - Allstream- \$53.68, 35110 - Altru Health System- \$104, 35111 - Altru Health System (978)- \$18993, 35112 - American Security Cabinets Inc- \$4344, 35113 - Ameripride Services, Inc.- \$409.46, 35114 - At & T Mobility- \$95, 35115 - Chi St Alexius Health-Dickinson- \$18.91, 35116 - Cima Companies Inc- \$502.5, 35117 - City of Grand Forks- \$630, 35118 - Coopland Benjamin A- \$500, 35119 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 35120 - First Collections Inc- \$93.94, 35121 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$1583.81, 35122 - Grafix Shoppe- \$168.28, 35123 - H & L Mesabi- \$19355.04, 35124 - Hornbacher, Alana- \$30, 35125 - Indiana State Dept of Health- \$10, 35126 - Information Systems Corporatio- \$2855, 35127 - Interstate Power Systems Inc- \$718.76, 35128 - Interstate Towing & Recovery- \$541.48, 35129 - J & J Spraying- \$1982.5, 35130 - Keith's Security World- \$36, 35131 - Kovarik, Wade Kelly- \$168.14, 35132 - Little Falls Machine Inc- \$764.39, 35133 - M & K Porta Potties- \$400, 35134 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$83.02, 35135 - McKesson Medical Surgical- \$146.87, 35136 - Menards- \$292.85, 35137 - Midcontinent Communications- \$978.32, 35138 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$164952.12, 35139 - ND Dept of Public Instruction- \$168.36, 35140 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 7510- \$23228.77, 35141 - Neufeld, Ashlei A- \$90, 35142 - Northern Plains Label- \$283.2, 35143 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$622.75, 35144 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$76.38, 35145 - Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$427.49, 35146 - Praire Harvest Mental Health- \$696, 35147 - RDO Truck Center- \$1260.06, 35148 - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$743.56, 35149 - Red River Valley Community Action- \$6000, 35150 - Redwood Toxicology Laboratory- \$10.76, 35151 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$343, 35152 - Schmitz Inc- \$6810, 35153 - Severin Law Firm- \$388.14, 35154 - Specialty Technical Publishers- \$650, 35155 - Streichers- \$6011.98, 35156 - Tennessee Vital Records- \$15, 35157 - Thur-O-Clean- \$485, 35158 - Todd Melanie L- \$155.57, 35159 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$554, 35160 - Traill County Sheriff- \$900, 35161 - Twp of Plymouth Clerk- \$1000, 35162 - US Bank - Cm-9705 - St Paul- \$97708.94, 35163 - US Postmaster By Mail-GF- \$254, 35164 - Useldinger, Megyn- \$350, 35165 - USPS-Poc- \$1500, 35166 - Verizon Wireless- \$138.31, 35167 - Wisconsin Department of Transportation- \$12, 35168 - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$29834.14, 35169 - Aflac Group- \$582.66, 35170 - Avesis Third Party Adm, Inc- \$2750.03, 35171 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$876.02, 35172 - DCI Credit Service Inc- \$6.87, 35173 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$98, 35174 - Fremstad Law Firm- \$293.19, 35175 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$242, 35176 - ND F.O.P.- \$550, 35177 - NYS Child Support Processing Center- \$847.98, 35178 - Robert G Drummond- \$50, 35179 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$156.53, 35180 - United States Treasury- \$91.15, 35181 - US Able Life- \$49.08 and ACH payments to Advanced Business Methods- \$161.52, - Albrecht Mfg & Repair Inc.- \$121.5, - Albrecht Mfg & Repair Inc.- \$170.1, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC- \$1076, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC- \$2615.54, -

Bakke Funeral Home- \$2300, - Batteries Plus Bulbs- \$521.98, - Batteries Plus Bulbs- \$278.95, - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$207, - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$85, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$560.04, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$31.8, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$638.16, - Dakota TV- \$120, - Docu Shred Inc- \$74.8, - Docu Shred Inc- \$37.4, - Express Auto Glass- \$150, - Express Auto Glass- \$661.79, - Express Auto Glass- \$150, - Forks Freightliner- \$276.05, - Home of Economy- \$104.97, - Nelsonink.Com- \$184.61, - Nelsonink.Com- \$339.97, - Royal Tire Inc- \$97.9, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$83.86, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$58.51, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$50, - Stein's Inc.- \$344.17, - Stein's Inc.- \$137.08, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$257.65, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$257.65, - Toshiba Business Solutions- \$26.55, - Valley Truck- \$287.82, - Walls Ltc Pharmacy Inc- \$36, and purchasing card payments in the amount of \$29,460.61; employee status changes for Faye A. Jasmer and LaRae Guzman; overtime; and Whispering Oaks Golf Course Gaming Site Authorization. Motion carried unanimously.

General Al Palmer representing the Veterans Memorial Park addressed the board via telephone.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to provide \$10,000 to Veterans Memorial Park Visitor's Center from the general fund. Motion carried with Pic, Engen, Falck and Rost voting aye. Commissioner Knauf recused herself from the discussion and the vote.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Manager, gave a 2020 spring flood update via telephone.

Ms. Goelz and Chair Knauf indicated they have concerns about activities scheduled at the Grand Forks County Fairground for May and June because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by Rost, to follow the Governor's Executive Order not allowing large gatherings to take place at the Grand Forks Fairgrounds until the Order expires. Commissioner Rost withdrew his motion.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to not proceed with the 2020 Grand Forks County Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Rost, to not commence the River Cities Speedway or the Forks Karting Association racing or any other event at the Grand Forks County Fairground until a restart plan is in place. The plan should be developed in conjunction with the Emergency Manager and brought forward to the County Commission for their approval before they can reopen. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to not allow any event to take place at the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds without prior approval by the Grand Forks County Commission until further notice. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Director, gave a COVID-19 update via telephone.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board via telephone.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the Emergent Security Staff Services RFP. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to proclaim and recognize the week beginning May 5, 2020 as National Correctional Officers Week in Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board via telephone.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the Public Assistance Subgrant Agreement for FEMA-4475-DR with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave an update on the June 9, 2020 Primary Vote by Mail Only Election.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to allow the Finance and Tax Director to hire as many part-time employees as necessary for a successful June 9, 2020 Primary Vote by Mail Only Election at \$13 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board via telephone.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to appoint Tom Ford, Haley Wamstad, Kari Goelz, Michele Thiel, Debbie Swanson, Scot Hoeper, Becky Absey and Debbie Nelson as the Recovery Team. The Recovery Team will develop a restart plan for Grand Forks County. The plan will be forwarded to the Commission for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Haley Wamstad, State's Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to apply for a Department of Justice Coronavirus Grant to cover any costs to the county in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rost, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Diane K. Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor