

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of the agenda, adding the Fair Board after the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #32546 - Burkholder Bret- \$918.1, 32547 - City of Grand Forks-PSAP Communications- \$63958.25, 32548 - Development Homes- \$290, 32549 - Engkvist Gannon- \$58.23, 32550 - Eyre Andrew- \$352.8, 32551 - Ford Tom- \$189.72, 32552 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 32553 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1275, 32554 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 32555 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$775, 32556 - GF Public Health Department- \$43442.66, 32557 - Gudajtes Amber- \$437, 32558 - Hansen Bridgie- \$95.7, 32559 - Hilde Jodi- \$180.3, 32560 - Indepth Inspections- \$2291.67, 32561 - Knutson Carrie- \$87.58, 32562 - Lanes Jacob- \$74, 32563 - Lloyd Joel Mathew- \$310, 32564 - Lombardi Lou- \$24.36, 32565 - Mayotte Deana- \$10.5, 32566 - Myers James E- \$355, 32567 - ND State Tax Commissioner- \$285.61, 32568 - Nelson Debbie- \$332.4, 32569 - Sam's Clubmc/Synch- \$1796.59, 32570 - Schneider Andrew- \$310, 32571 - Schuman Law Office- \$4100, 32572 - Skogen Erica A- \$352.8, 32573 - Smette Shellie- \$158.92, 32574 - Soeby Molly- \$311.67, 32575 - Spain Robin D- \$87.5, 32576 - UND Forensic Pathology- \$6662.5, 32577 - US Bank - Cm-9705 - St Paul- \$5950, 32578 - VM Findley Consulting LLC- \$9470.51, 32579 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$78.26, 32580 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$32.47, 32581 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$11.95, 32582 - 3-D Specialties- \$3324.73, 32583 - Advance Auto Parts- \$89.77, 32584 - Akerlind Susan M- \$50, 32585 - Albrecht Mfg & Repair Inc.- \$90.75, 32586 - All Embracing Home Care LLC- \$223.68, 32587 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$588, 32588 - Altru Health System- \$2468.56, 32589 - Altru Health System (978)- \$6208.74, 32590 - Ameripride Services, Inc.- \$400.08, 32591 - Amundson Funeral Home- \$6900, 32592 - Anderson Kimberly J- \$296.38, 32593 - Andrade Cindy- \$147.04, 32594 - Apollo Electric Inc- \$906.73, 32595 - Axon Enterprise Inc- \$2640, 32596 - Balco Uniform Co- \$704.47, 32597 - Borgen Inc- \$10595, 32598 - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$50, 32599 - Best Western Harvest Inn & Suites- \$78, 32600 - BI Incorporated- \$2653.28, 32601 - Bob Barker Company- \$420.39, 32602 - Bohlman Pest Control- \$145, 32603 - Border States Electric Supply- \$39.4, 32604 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$89.44, 32605 - Business Essentials- \$270.48, 32606 - Business Essentials- \$3.76, 32607 - Business Essentials- \$176.1, 32608 - Calvary Lutheran Church- \$40, 32609 - Century Electric Inc.- \$371.5, 32610 - Cintas- \$216.08, 32611 - Cities Area Transit- \$166, 32612 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$1792.72, 32613 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$6230.69, 32614 - Cole Paper Inc.- \$3064.74, 32615 - Comfort Suites-Bismarck- \$169.2, 32616 - Community Service Program- \$3650, 32617 - Confer Miranda- \$427.67, 32618 - Dacotah Paper Co- \$1249.03, 32619 - Deere Credit Inc- \$2985.58, 32620 - Dennie's Delivery Inc- \$222.11, 32621 - Devils Lake Journal- \$336, 32622 - Docu Shred Inc- \$115.13, 32623 - East Central Regional Water District- \$55, 32624 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$247.1, 32625 - Embrace Pharmacy Inc.- \$3300.11, 32626 - Empowered Solutions LLC- \$100.3, 32627 - Engen David A- \$129.92, 32628 - Envirotech Services Inc- \$12500.48, 32629 - Everett Sarah- \$51.04, 32630 - Farmers Oil Co- \$1638.9, 32631 - First Collections Inc- \$200.42, 32632 - Fordville Cooperative Marketing Assoc- \$1145, 32633 - Forum Communications- \$37.92, 32634 - Forx Radiator- \$760, 32635 - Fossum Diane- \$65.4, 32636 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1000, 32637 - GF Cnty

Treasurer- \$612.8, 32638 - GF Fire Equipment Company- \$68, 32639 - GF Welding & Machine- \$41.52, 32640 - Global Safety Network- \$185.5, 32641 - Gowan Construction- \$491.83, 32642 - Gowan Jennifer L- \$250, 32643 - Grand Forks Cemetery Assoc.- \$1000, 32644 - Greg's Lawn & Landscape- \$353.75, 32645 - Gregory J Norman Funeral Home- \$2300, 32646 - Hampton Inn-Bismarck- \$81, 32647 - Hannahers- \$7893.09, 32648 - Heeco Warehouse- \$445.15, 32649 - Hoeper, Scot N - \$185.42, 32650 - Holte Lynn- \$47.56, 32651 - Home Care Companions- \$1291.76, 32652 - Home of Economy- \$75.82, 32653 - Hope Covenant Church- \$330, 32654 - Hutton Myste- \$41.76, 32655 - IBM- \$1144.92, 32656 - Icon Architectural Group- \$12175, 32657 - Information Technology Dept- \$2350.45, 32658 - Integrity Homecare and Counseling- \$1017.74, 32659 - Inter-Agency Forum- \$60, 32660 - Interstate Towing & Recovery- \$1287.94, 32661 - Inventory Trading Company- \$207, 32662 - J & J Spraying- \$58892.46, 32663 - Jamar Technologies Inc- \$1016, 32664 - Jirout George C- \$349.42, 32665 - Jones Vetta- \$198, 32666 - Keith's Security World- \$102, 32667 - Keller Jalissa Spanier- \$135.72, 32668 - Klockmann Peggy- \$96.28, 32669 - Knain Jolaine- \$228.03, 32670 - Knight Printing- \$493.71, 32671 - Kueber, Carolyn J - \$98.6, 32672 - Kuta, Leroy A.- \$46.2, 32673 - Lakes & Prairies Community Action- \$540, 32674 - Leftfield Development LLC- \$650, 32675 - Liberty Business Systems-Fargo- \$158.39, 32676 - Lithia Payment Processing- \$338.28, 32677 - Little Keepers.- \$972.47, 32678 - Loffler- \$64.42, 32679 - Long, Kateri R - \$71.96, 32680 - Lund Jacki- \$76.18, 32681 - Lund Marcia Fay- \$140, 32682 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$1459.35, 32683 - Marco -Tx- \$735.65, 32684 - Marco Technologies LLC- \$830.53, 32685 - McDonald Julie- \$36, 32686 - Mckesson Medical Surgical- \$518.16, 32687 - Menards- \$314.08, 32688 - Midcontinent Communications- \$121.9, 32689 - Myles Kami Jo- \$35.96, 32690 - Nardini Fire Equipment Co- \$899.26, 32691 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$9, 32692 - ND One Call Inc- \$1.95, 32693 - ND Secretary of State- \$36, 32694 - ND State Radio Communications- \$2400, 32695 - ND State Tax Commissioner- \$1264.18, 32696 - Nelson International- \$261100, 32697 - Ness Press Inc.- \$156, 32698 - Networking Specialists- \$673.35, 32699 - Norby's Work Perks- \$2204.4, 32700 - Northdale Oil- \$20210.5, 32701 - Northwest Tire- \$554.68, 32702 - NSK Backhoe Service Llp- \$500, 32703 - Nygaard-Koplin Dawn- \$218.05, 32704 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$34.56, 32705 - Office Depot-Chicago- \$469.2, 32706 - Olson Sadie- \$49.3, 32707 - Olson, Genevieve K - \$109.04, 32708 - Olson, Shannon L- \$191.4, 32709 - Olson, Sonja S - \$232.58, 32710 - Opp Construction- \$250, 32711 - Opticare-Forks Vision Clinic- \$138, 32712 - Peru- \$3981.6, 32713 - Phoenix Supply- \$1422.02, 32714 - Piche Wayne- \$136.88, 32715 - Pierson Danielle Jean- \$409.88, 32716 - Plummer Nicole- \$86.42, 32717 - Polk County DAC- \$29.3, 32718 - Polk County Sheriff- \$75.16, 32719 - Praxair- \$529.01, 32720 - Preble Medical Services Inc- \$90, 32721 - Premium Waters, Inc- \$129.53, 32722 - PS Door Services- \$229.5, 32723 - Quality Inn-Bismarck- \$84.6, 32724 - Radisson Hotel Bismarck- \$172.8, 32725 - Ramada Inn-Grand Forks- \$351.8, 32726 - Raza Stephanie- \$103.24, 32727 - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$833.64, 32728 - Redwood Toxicology Laboratory (Kits)- \$467.19, 32729 - Reliance Inmate Systems- \$2000, 32730 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$98, 32731 - Rost Robert- \$324.8, 32732 - Royal Tire Inc- \$3463.18, 32733 - Rydell Chevrolet- \$90, 32734 - Rygg Arlen- \$125, 32735 - Severin Law Firm- \$511.3, 32736 - Shook, Patricia E - \$91.06, 32737 - Stark, Joseph A - \$89.9, 32738 - Stericycle Inc- \$111.65, 32739 - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$1611.35, 32740 - Suedel Amy- \$50.46, 32741 - Summit Food Services LLC- \$14501.13, 32742 - The Chamber of Commerce-GF- \$160, 32743 - Todd Melanie L- \$120.27, 32744 - Toshiba Business Solutions- \$128.55, 32745 - Trane US Inc- \$2016.22, 32746 - Tri State Paving & Concrete In- \$790, 32747 - US Postal Service-Hasler- \$1500, 32748 - US Postmaster-Grand Forks- \$300, 32749 - US Postmaster-Grand Forks- \$134, 32750 - Valley Dairy- \$365.84, 32751 - Vanyo Elizabeth- \$50, 32752 - Vanyo Teresa- \$50, 32753 - Verizon Wireless- \$2860.24, 32754 - Verizon Wireless- \$78, 32755 - Vilandre- \$4590, 32756 - Walls Medicine Center- \$67.73, 32757 - Wesley Amy- \$135.72, 32758 - Widseth Smith Nolting and Assoc Inc- \$2025, 32759 - Workforce Safety & Insurance- \$250, 32760 - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$38021.29, 32761 - Ye Ol Painters Ltd- \$5185 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$31,614.86; employee status changes for

Linda Hammen, Gracie Lian and Benjamin Welin; overtime, out-of-state travel; bonds for check reissue; and NDDOT Maintenance Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Stromsodt, GF Fair Board, addressed the board regarding a request by Express Employment Professionals to allow approximately 40 campers to camp on the fairgrounds. The campers have been evicted from the East Grand Forks campground because of the flooding.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Manager, said the campers are contracted employees of Express Employment Professionals for the beet harvest. Express Personnel is trying their best to keep the contracted employees in the area. Currently the campers are in the Kmart parking lot. She said the fairgrounds would not be the best choice for the campers at this time, it is far too wet.

Commissioner Knauf said there is no electricity, no sewer hookups, no garbage and no facilities at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are too wet. If the Fair Board decides to move forward, they need to have a contract in place to cover all ground rules, who is liable for damages and who will be responsible to clean up the property.

State's Attorney Haley Wamstad agreed this would open up Grand Forks County to some liability.

Jamie Bork, Express Employment Professionals, said they would be grateful for any area that is dry that could assist with some campers.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to not support the request by Express Employment Professionals to allow campers at the fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 3 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100, except parcel number 11-4001-00005-000 will be set at \$500, according to NDCC 57-28-10. And set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 5, 2019 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Notices of Intent to Evict. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the service agreement with Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals. Motion carried unanimously.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Manager, Robert Drees, GF Water Board and Nick West, Highway Engineer addressed the board regarding flooding in Grand Forks County.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the Grand Forks County Emergency Declaration below. Motion carried unanimously.

GRAND FORKS COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County has experienced the wettest fall period (Sept, Oct, Nov) on record (as Oct 13, 2019) and potential for damage to roads, bridges, culverts, farmlands, homes, businesses and other public facilities from overland flooding and the flooding of tributaries to the Red River of the North as it reaches or exceeds flood stage;

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 cost of 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.

Mr. Ford notified the board of a request by Audubon Dakota for a letter of support for a North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund grant.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to approve a letter of support for Audubon Dakota to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Rost, to seek bids for the repair of the Grand Forks County Courthouse roof. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to request for proposals from consultants to design a possible building to house the Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Detention, State's Attorney and possibly Emergency Management. Motion carried unanimously.

The Red River BioRefinery will be asked to attend the November 5, 2019 Commission Meeting to explain their request to increase their volume cap allocation.

Motion by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm. The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2019 at 4:00pm.

David A. Engen, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor