

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 7, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Schmisek, Pic, Murphy, Knauf and Malm present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012, January 17, 2012 and January 25, 2012 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to add an item to the agenda after 6b, North Dakota Department of Transportation documents on project SC-1800(012). Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to add an item to the agenda after item 5, Women Veterans Month. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #158358-158581 in the amount of \$1,093,057.88 and purchasing card charges in the amount of \$3,810.59; Game of Chance Permit for Director's Staff Unit of Kem Shrine, ND Military Vehicle Collectors Association and Twining and Eielson Schools; and out-of-state travel for Social Services. Motion carried.

Lou Lombardi, Assistant Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve out-of-state travel for Lou Lombardi to attend a veteran training course in Washington, DC on February 21 – 25, 2012. Motion carried.

Brenda Bergsrud, ND Women and Minorities Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION
WOMEN VETERANS MONTH
MARCH 2012

WHEREAS, women have served honorably and courageously in all of America's wars and conflicts since the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the United States military has evolved from a predominantly male force to a force with more than 14 percent women who are currently serving on active duty, and nearly 17 percent who are serving in the Reserves and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the population of women veterans is increasing exponentially, from 1.1 million in 1980 to a projected 2 million by 2020, comprising more than 10 percent of the veteran population; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's veteran population includes more than 5,000 women; and

WHEREAS, with a rapidly increasing number of women serving in the military today and returning from deployments as seasoned veterans with exposure to combat, the Department of Veterans Affairs facilitates and veteran service offices and organizations across our state are working to ensure that the post-deployment mental and physical health needs unique to women veterans are being met; and

WHEREAS, women veterans are encouraged to reach out to the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and its Women Veterans Coordinator, as well as County Veteran Service Officers and

other veteran service organizations, to ensure their voices are heard and their unique healthcare and lifestyle issues are addressed, so that women veterans of all eras receive the services and benefits they deserve; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans including Grand Forks County residents are encouraged to recognize the generations of women veterans who have proudly and valiantly served this great state and nation, and who have played an integral role in defending our homeland and preserving freedom around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Commissioners of the County of Grand Forks in North Dakota, we do hereby proclaim March, 2012, **WOMEN VETERANS MONTH** in the county of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to accept the bid from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to accept the bids from Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel & hauling and Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to accept the bid from TrueNorth Steel, Fargo, ND, for riveted metal and concrete culverts; and steel section plate pipe and pipe arches. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to accept the bid from Cretex Concrete Products West, Rapid City, SD, for precast and prestressed bridge beams. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to obtain two new 2400x Woods Mowers, with trade in of two 2005 Woods 3240 Mowers, and to obtain three new pickups, by quotes or bids as determined by the States Attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to obtain one used Lowboy Tractor, at cost not to exceed \$45,000, by quotes or bids as determined by the States Attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Maintenance Agreement, right of way certification letter, and utility certification letter for project SC-1800(012). Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the December 2011 financial report.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Post-Issuance Compliance Procedure and Policy for Bond Issues. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to recess the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting and convened the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the Grand Forks County Building Authority Chairman's signature on the US Bank National Association Agency Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn the Grand Forks County Building Authority Meeting and reconvened the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to call for bids for election ballot printing for the Primary and General Elections in 2012, and any Special Elections that might be called in 2012 & 2013. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

The Commission will make a decision in two weeks regarding the ND State Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the lighting in the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp. (This was revised later in the meeting, see below.)

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding Grand Forks County Policy #710, Solicitation for Signatures on County Property.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for Peter Welte to attend the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children training in Atlanta, GA from April 16-20, 2012. This will be funded by the North Dakota Attorney General's office. Motion carried.

The Township Officers Meeting will be February 27, 2012 at the American Legion Hall in Larimore, ND.

There will be a meeting with the Grand Forks County Fair Board on March 20, 2012 at 1:00pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to send the Napoleon Public High School's request for information to the Grand Forks County Historical Societies. Motion carried.

In a letter from Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, she reported to remain within the state recommended tolerance of 90% to 100%, Grand Forks County will need to increase agricultural values by 25% for 2012.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to increase agricultural values by 25% at the local level and to send a notice of increase to all agricultural property owners and to publish the increase in all newspapers in Grand Forks County, the Grand Forks Herald, the Larimore Leader and Northwood Gleaner. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to proceed with the ND State Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the lighting on the first and second floor of the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp. The third floor lighting will be considered at a later date. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:38pm. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2012.

John Schmisek, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor