

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 5, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #160337-160595 in the amount of \$1,048,822.23; employee status changes for Andrew Eyre, Eric Grant, Derek Rakoczy, Justin Benson, and Brian Basting; and overtime. Motion carried.

Lee Finstad, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve out-of-state travel for Lee Finstad to attend the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers Conference in Bloomington, Illinois from September 9 – 14, 2012 and amend the Veterans Service Office budget for this travel. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to allow the Highway Department to receive bids on painting the outside of the County Shop and Office Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow the Highway Department to advertise a 1985 Dodge ½ ton pickup, a 1977 Kenworth Truck and used Woods mower parts for sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to extend the 25 mph speed limit on the mile and one half north of the Grand Forks Air Force Base on County Road 3, until the construction is complete. Motion carried.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement applications of David and Kitty Dix, on parcel number 44-3307-00294-000 and reduce the 2010 True and Full Value from \$141,400 to \$72,220 and reduce the 2011 True and Full Value from \$142,900 to \$73,600. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for Sergeant Simundson to attend Glock Training at a cost of \$777.50 and Sergeant McLean to attend NW Shuttle Training at a cost of \$903.98. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the employee status change for Jamie Renae Carter. Motion carried.

The Commission agreed a wheelchair should be on hand at the Courthouse. Sheriff Rost will work with Debbie Nelson to look for funding for wheelchair, if Sheriff Rost is not able to get one donated.

Sheriff Rost provided information on the Lexipol Law Enforcement Policy Manual which will be presented at the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention this fall.

Don Shields, Public Health Director, Mara Jiran, Alliance for Healthcare Access Project Coordinator and Ed Christ, Social Services Director, addressed the board regarding the Alliance for Healthcare Access.

Commissioner Pic will bring a letter of support for the establishment of a Community Health Center to the next Commission Meeting for consideration.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to recess the board and convene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried. It was 4:44pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to recess the Board of Equalization and reconvene the County Commission Board. Motion carried. It was 4:53pm.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve and submit to Springsted, the following job descriptions: Adult Corrections Administrator, Buildings and Grounds Manager, County Planner, County Recorder, Finance and Tax Director, Highway Superintendent, Juvenile Corrections Administrator, Sheriff, Social Services Director, States Attorney, Tax Equalization Director. The Information Systems Director, as modified, and the Veterans Service Officer job description as approved at the Department Managers Job Description Review Meeting. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to allow Commissioner Knauf to attend the National Association Annual Conference to be held July 13-17, 2012, in Allegheny County, PA, if she is interested in attending. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, said because of the lower than expected absentee ballots received she has cancelled the Absentee Ballot Precinct. All absentee ballots will be sent to the precincts on Election Day.

Any comments received for the Grand Forks County Policy Manual review, according to policy number 101-06, will be discussed at the next Administrative Services Committee Meeting.

The appointment to the Regional Airport Authority Board will be made at the June 19, 2012 Commission Meeting.

Curt Kreun, 1401 South 35th St, addressed the board regarding the South Forks Bypass Coalition.

The South Forks Bypass Coalition information will be discussed at the next Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2012.

Cynthia Pic, Vice Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor