

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 6, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 and April 24, 2014 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #2547 thru Check #2789 in the amount of \$1,258,780.09; employee status changes for Thomas R. Ford, Hannah Dahl, Katie Vigness, Nadin Campbell, Dave Moen, Judy Franks, Jamie Carter, Julie Lee and Sadie A. Olson; approval of overtime; Game of Chance Permit for the Air Force Sergeant Association Chapter 964, Special Event Permit for the Noon Rotary Club of Grand Forks; and Social Services out-of-state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Ault, Public Safety Answering Point Director, presented the 2013 Grand Forks Public Safety Answering Point Annual Report.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Intergovernmental Joint Powers Agreement for the establishment and operation of a combined Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Yahna and Jesse Morten, Larimore Airport, and Jeremy Roesler, UND Director of Instruction addressed the board regarding funding for the Larimore Airport.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, will contact the Grand Forks Regional Airport regarding the funding received from the townships surrounding Larimore Airport.

Mr. Yahna will contact the GF Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Red River Regional Council regarding possible funding sources for the Larimore Airport and he will report back at a later meeting.

Mark Landa, GF Fair Board, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the disbursement of \$36,290 from the County Park fund to the GF Fair, for wiring and sewers for 16 camp sites at the fairgrounds. Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to amend the motion to use the General Fund instead of the County Park fund. Amendment carried with Murphy, Knauf, Schmisek and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay. The amended motion is, to approve the disbursement of \$36,290 from the General Fund to the GF Fair for wiring and sewers

for 16 camp sites at the fairgrounds. Amended motion carried with Murphy, Knauf, Schmisek and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Nick West, County Highway Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to accept the low bid of \$2,989,588.85 from Knife River Materials, Bemidji, Minnesota for the recycled hot bituminous overlay and milling surface project CNOA-1820(057). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to leave the remaining budgeted amount of approximately \$1,200,000 of the HB 1358 monies to be spent at the discretion of County Highway Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve Altru as the Designated Medical Provider for Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve three additional full-time Juvenile Detention positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve a Special Use Permit for ND Pipeline Company LLP to operate a temporary contractor's yard in section 17 of Blooming Township, with the following conditions: 1. That the special use permit shall expire on May 1, 2019, and 2. The vehicle traffic for the contractor's yard shall be required to use only those portions of the private service road and 22nd Ave NE as shown on the attached truck route map. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve a building permit fee of \$754.40 for Forest River Colony to build a new school in Inkster Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to correct the motion from April 24, 2014 and reduce PIs in all townships in the MLRA 55B area by 20%. Motion carried unanimously.

The alternate members of the Soils Committee should be brought to the Commission for approval.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the April 2014 financial report.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to set up a separate fund for all Enhanced Use Lease and Base Retention Impact Committee items. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to refund the remaining portion of the 2005 Lease Revenue Bonds and schedule a competitive sale of the bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the payment of the City of Thompson Street Improvement Project 2013-1 special assessment on McDonald & Goodwin's Addition, W40' of lot 21, 22, 23, block 2 in the amount the \$16,380, and to amend the Special Assessment fund by this amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to nominate Commissioner Murphy for the North Dakota Association of Counties Excellence in County Government Award. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve payment of \$6,258.60 for the archeological survey of the Enhanced Use Lease site at the Grand Forks AFB by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office. A credit will be received by the GFAFB on the first lease payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to renovate the storage room on the 4th floor of the County Office Building at an approximate cost of \$50,400, on an emergency basis, because of the urgent need for space due to the additional staff hired by Social Services to meet the requirements of the Affordable Health Care Act. This will be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve furniture for the renovated space not to exceed \$27,000. This will be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Economic Development Corporation, the City of Grand Forks and the County of Grand Forks for the purpose of establishing guidelines pertaining to the funding of the BRIC/EUL Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:19pm. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2014.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor