

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 5, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 County Commission meeting and County Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #4113-4391 in the amount of \$941,458.05; employee status changes for Debbie Meuwissen, Deborah Fontaine, Desirae Lauinger and Jan Devlin; overtime; bonds for check reissue; game of chance permit for UND Alumni Association & Foundation; Social Services Out-of-State Travel; and a Special Event Permit for Alcoholic Beverage License for Town Pump. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, Highway County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to receive quotes for a new ¾ ton pickup for the Highway Department. The vehicle is included in the 2014 Highway budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to consider lowering the speed limit on the south 1.5 miles of county road 18 from 50 to 35 mph at the next Commission meeting, August 19, 2014, after the affected land owners are notified of the possible change. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chairman's signature on the HB1358 funding reimbursement request for \$2,689,588.85. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the Food Services Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. to provide food service for the Grand Forks County Correctional Center and the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center, effective September 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to allow Mr. Burkholder to request bids to replace a transportation vehicle for the Correctional Center. The vehicle is in the 2014 Correctional Center budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, will contact Dr. Sens, County Coroner to see if she would have a need for the Correctional Center vehicle that is being replaced.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

John Herz, Grand Forks City Assessor, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks Homes abatements and reduce the 2013 True and Full Value to zero on the following parcels: 44-1212-00003-000, 44-2312-00007-001, 44-2808-00001-000, 44-2808-00003-001, 44-2808-00003-004, 44-2809-00012-000 and 44-2925-00002-000, pursuant to NDCC 57-02-08(43). The due date for payments in lieu of taxes will be March 15th each year. Motion carried with Murphy, Knauf and Malm voting aye and Pic voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Northwood Housing Partners, LLC abatements and reduce the 2013 True and Full Value to zero on parcels 49-3132-00003-000, pursuant to NDCC 57-02-08(43). The due date for payments in lieu of taxes will be March 15th each year. Motion carried unanimously.

Gerry Roach, Emerado Rural Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the board regarding a proposed Grand Forks County Emergency Response Center.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to propose the idea of a County Emergency Response Center to the North Dakota Association of Counties at the October Annual Conference, so they can study the problem and bring it to the State Legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director and Peter Welte, States Attorney was asked to draft a letter supporting a County Emergency Response Center for review at the next Commission meeting. A copy of the finalized letter will be sent Mr. Roach.

Marge Newark requested \$2,500 for a fence for the cemetery just north of Reynolds. She was under the impression that the cemetery was located on county property. Debbie Nelson will research the ownership of the cemetery property. And she was not aware of any law that would allow the county to donate funds for this purpose.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to re-advertise the request for bids for the Grand Forks County Corrections Surveillance Project with a revised bid opening date of October 7, 2014 instead of the original date of August 19, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson was asked to call Terry Traynor, ND Association of Counties, to confirm information regarding the upcoming Presidents' Tour on August 14, 2014.

Moved by Malm seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm. The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2014.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor