

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 19, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 County Commission meeting and Appeal Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of the agenda, adding Todd Leake, Arvilla Flooding Issues and Jim Campbell after item 7. 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 #4392-4629 in the amount of \$2,779,753.06 and purchasing card transaction in the amount of \$24,606.96; employee status changes for Craig Champagne, Grant Wosick, Brandon Higgins, Susan Schuler, Wilfred Kooser, Mark Kwiatkoski, Timothy Peterka, Philip Malevich, Tammy Knudson and Cindy Andrade ; overtime; game of chance permits for Logistics Readiness Squadron, Eielson Twining Parent Teacher Organization and the Airman Activity Council; July Financial Report; and Social Services Out-of-State Travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Javin Bedard, Grand Forks Public Health Environmental Health Supervisor, addressed the board regarding the junk complaint on the property located at 8274 17<sup>th</sup> Ave South.

Mitchell Roy, 8274 17<sup>th</sup> Ave South, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow Mr. Roy until September 16, 2014 to clean up the remaining items from his property located at 8274 17<sup>th</sup> Ave South. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, Highway County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to accept the lowest responsible bid for a ¾ ton pickup for \$28,689 from Lithia Dodge for the Highway Department. The vehicle is included in the 2014 Highway budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to amend fund 2110 for the approximate \$2,700,000 that will be received from the State for HB1358 funding and amend 2110.2110.0800.0843 from \$1,000,000 to \$2,900,000 for the expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. West was directed to publish a notice in the Grand Forks Herald City Briefs notifying the public that the Grand Forks County Commission is seeking written public comment regarding lowering the speed limit on the south 1.5 miles of county road 18 from 50 to 35 mph. The comments will be considered at the September 2, 2014 Commission Meeting. The ad will be run in the City Briefs twice.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Altu Occupational Health & Medicine Service/Pricing Agreement with the Director of Administration's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Leake, Northwood Hockey Boosters, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on a Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Recreation Grant application on behalf of Northwood Hockey Boosters. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the Agreement for Joint Exercise of Governmental Powers, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Pierce, Arvilla Township, addressed the board regarding the flooding of his home in Arvilla Township. He believes additional culverts need to be installed and the existing culverts need to be cleaned. The board directed him to go to the Grand Forks Water Board Meeting. Their next meeting will be tomorrow morning. The Highway Department maintains the ditches and culverts.

Mr. West said he informed the Water Board of the issue and he is waiting for them to act. He said it is a complicated issue that will not be resolved by adding a culvert.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Alerus Center, October 27 – October 31, 2014, the hours will be 10:00am-6:00pm, in accordance with NDCC § 16.1-07-15(1). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nelson explained the Property Tax Task Force proposals for reform and consolidation of the mill levy.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to work with ICON Architectural Group to develop the scope of work for the Grand Forks County Space, Utilization, Efficiency and Upgrade Project. ICON will be asked to submit a bid for the project. The bid will be considered by the full board before moving forward with the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nelson will notify the other architectural firms of the selection that was made.

Commissioner Malm will call Grand Forks City to request that brine would not be used for ice removal in the Grand Forks County parking ramp.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to sponsor the Annual 4-H Awards Day at a cost of \$20. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signatures on letters of support for a Grand Forks County Emergency Response Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2014.

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William Murphy, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor