

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 7, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Malm and Pic present. Commissioner Pic participated via telephone, Commissioner Schmisek was on other County business and Commissioner Knauf was absent.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 County Commission meeting and the September 23, 2014 County Commission Special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #5039-5236 in the amount of \$901,640.73; employee status changes for Jessica Nelson, Jill McPherson, Lucas Nelson, Donald A. Purpur, Kelsey Hanson and Aaron Davidson; overtime; County Deeds on parcel number 48-0001-00031-000 and 48-0001-0032-000; Special Event Permit for Saddle Club Inc.; Game of Chance Permit for Forks Rifle Club; NDDOT Construction and Maintenance Agreement; and Social Services out-of-state travel . Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Dahl, Information Technology Director, will review the bids received on the Grand Forks County Corrections Surveillance Project and will bring a recommendation to the next Commission meeting on October 21, 2014.

Tom Ford, Base Realignment Impact Committee (BRIC) Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve a Phase II Sensor Development Range Study Request for Proposal with a budget of \$80,000. Northrop Grumman has committed \$25,000, North Dakota Department of Commerce has committed for \$25,000 and Grand Forks County will commit \$30,000 from the BRIC State Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 3 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for October 21, 2014 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Javin Bedard, Environmental Health Supervisor, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the cleaning and close the complaint on the property located at 8274 17th Ave South, Grand Forks. Motion carried unanimously.

Merylee Castellanos, Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to appoint Commissioner Knauf to serve on a board to develop a Court Security Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding DKK Guardianship Services.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow Ms. Nelson to have the authority to call an Absentee Ballot Precinct, if the volume of absentee ballots received exceeds the amount that can be managed at the polling sites on Election Day. The need for the precinct will be determined closer to Election Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to allow Grand Forks County employees time off to work as Election workers without using leave and to encourage other business to do the same. Grand Forks County will remain staffed for business. This would only apply to Grand Forks County residents. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to send a letter to the North Dakota Association of Counties to encourage the formation of a committee to study the long-term effects of staffing, funding and monitoring the formal training of rural fire departments in North Dakota. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to appoint Commissioner Knauf as the North Dakota State Fair Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow Commissioner Murphy to purchase his computer from Grand Forks County upon his retirement from the Grand Forks County Commission. Mr. Dahl will determine the price. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:36pm. The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at 4:00pm.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor