

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 5, 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 October 21, 2014 County Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #5530-5717 in the amount of \$1,720,150.72; employee status changes for Bryan Drinkman, Robert W. Frasier, Derek Bogenreif, Jake Mutzenbergert, Christina Loh and Amanda Zimmerman; County Deeds on parcel number 48-0001-00083-000 and 44-1803-00231-000; Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution and September Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board regarding the overpayment of Larry Sayre. Mr. West said he does not believe it would be fair to make him pay it back because it was our error and based on his experience he should not have been hired at a step 1. There was no Department Manager involved in the decision to place him at a step 1. Mr. West recommended Larry Sayre be moved from a step 1 to a step 3.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, informed the board that there are two issues to consider and they should not blend the two issues when making their decision.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to accept Mr. West's recommendation to move Larry Sayre from a grade 8, step 1 to a grade 8, step 3, effective 3/1/2014. There were two items that were beyond the control of Mr. Sayre; there wasn't a Department Manager at the Highway Department when he was hired and the overpayment occurred because of the new software. Mr. Sayre must pay back the amount he was overpaid. Motion carried with Murphy, Malm and Pic voting aye and Knauf and Schmisek voting nay.

Dean Dahl, Information Technology Director, addressed the board regarding the Grand Forks County Corrections Surveillance Project bids.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to cancel the Grand Forks County Corrections Surveillance Project due to lack of available funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director, gave an update for Social Services.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to accept the proposal from Jeffrey Donohoe Associates, LLC, Manchester, NH to provide consulting services to Grand Forks County for a Phase II Sensor Development Range Study at a cost of \$79,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The board commended Commissioner Schmisek and Ed Nierode for their work on the Grand Sky Enhanced Use Lease.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to amend the Grand Sky Administrative Fees line item in the BRIC/EUL Department budget by \$16,108.80 and pay the Kutak Rock, LLP September invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:21pm. The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2014 at 4:00pm.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor