

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 3, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 and the February 23, 2015 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of the agenda, adding the Correctional Center Administrator after item 7. 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 #7559-7752 in the amount of \$673,095.45; employee status changes for Melanie Jeanette Russell, Nicholas Gunner Fladland, Kevin Richard Tomlinson, Daniel Torok, Mark Dudgeon and Brandis Love Lafrombois; and overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Agreement for Performance of Assessing Duties with Northwood Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Soils Committee recommendations, to add soybean PIs to the wheat PIs the county is currently using and to change the way noncropland is valued from a flat rate, to being based on the PIs and soil type. The noncropland values will be reduced by a percentage to keep the current total noncropland value the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Schmisek, to accept the quote from The Insulation Place LLC., to repair the roof of the Sheriff's storage building at 5250 Gateway Drive for \$89,870. Motion carried unanimously.

The remaining capital improvements the Sheriff has requested will be discussed at the next Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee meeting at 8:30am on March 12, 2015.

Tom Ford, EUL/BRIC Coordinator, gave an update on the Sensor Development Range Study.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board regarding inmate visitation at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center.

Jerry Waletzko, 5041 W Elm Ct, Grand Forks, addressed the board regarding the inmate visitation at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Mr. West will review the bids received for a wheel loader at 1:30pm today and bring back a recommendation at the next meeting, March 17, 2015.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to request ND Department of Transportation to improve the following railroad crossings located at county road 16, 20, 22, and 9, in that order. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve a \$300,000 chip seal project on county road #11, \$200,000 from the remaining 2013 HB1358 funds and \$100,000 local funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to allow Mr. West to change an existing Mechanic position to an Equipment Operator position at the Highway Department, both positions are a grade 9, effective upon the retirement of those currently holding those positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. West will send out the internal job opening for these two positions.

Mr. West gave a briefing on a public meeting he attended on February 24, 2014 on a US 2 Corridor Study by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Darla Schuman, Schuman Law Office, addressed the board.

Ms. Schuman, Sheriff Rost and Assistant States Attorney Ms. Blake were asked to meet to discuss the Interactive Video Network (IVN) that is available in the Grand Forks County Courthouse. Clients should be informed of the option they have to appear via the IVN.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Falck, to increase the Defense Service Mental Health Contract by \$500 with Schuman Law Office, effective March 2015 and amend the legal fee line item in the Mental Health budget by \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Commission Meeting will begin at 3:45pm to discuss the Director of Administration's duties other than human resources. (*Chair Knauf decided, after this meeting, to call a Special Commission Meeting at 3:00pm to discuss the Director Administration duties and the Gallagher Benefit Services recommendation for a Human Resource Department.*)

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm. The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2015.

Gary Malm, Acting Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor