

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 17, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Knauf, Malm, Pic and Falck present. Commissioner Pic attended at 4:01pm. Commissioner Schmisek was absent, due to other county business.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #7753-8016 in the amount of \$1,057,958.52 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$21,729.98; employee status changes for Kristi Anderson Larson, Kenneth Custodio, Jonathan Elmore, Naomi Dahl, Kevin Lange, Marvin Klamm and Shelby Reitmeier; overtime, February financial report; game of chance permits for Reynolds Lutheran Church WELCA and Grand Forks AFB Gymnastics; and Social Services out-of-state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaus Thiessen, President/CEO, GF Region Economic Development Corporation and Keith Lund, Vice President, GF Region Economic Development Corporation gave the 2014 Review of the GF Region Economic Development Corporation.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director, said the state has approved a new classification of a Social Worker with no degree or license, a Family Services Specialist. Grand Forks County Social Services' preference would be to continue to use licensed Social Workers, but in the event they are not able to hire a licensed Social Worker, they would like the option to hire a Family Services Specialist. They would like to send in the job description for classification. The Commission would like to wait until it can be discussed with Gallagher Benefit Services.

Mr. Christ asked the Commission if the Social Services Regional Board Member meetings in Devils Lake should continue. The Commission thinks the meetings are good, but would like to hear the suggestions from the other counties in the region.

Mr. Christ compared the number of foster children in Grand Forks, Cass, Burleigh and Ward Counties since 2010.

Mr. Christ said the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Quality Improvement Review has been completed, once the written report is received he will make it available.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for a social detox facility.

Commissioner Malm said the Commission made a motion to put no money into a social detox facility.

Meredith Richards, GF City Planning & Community Development Deputy Director, addressed the board regarding the social detox facility.

Sheriff Rost asked the Commission to revisit the motion not to fund the social detox facility.

Lynn Bingham, Northeast Human Service Center Business Manager, said Northeast Human Service Center is committing \$160,000 for the startup of the social detox facility. The funds will only be available until June 30, 2015. In addition they will be committing approximately \$80,000 a year.

Deb Davis, Northeast Human Service Center Alcohol & Drug Services Director, spoke in favor of a social detox facility.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Interim Director, also spoke in favor a social detox facility.

Moved by Pic, Grand Forks County would be a stakeholder in a social detox facility. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to accept the lowest and best bid from Butler Machinery for a 950M Caterpillar for a net bid of \$187,258.28. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to grant permission to advertise for bids to chip seal 10 miles. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to grant permission to advertise for bids for countywide striping. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to approve the following six capital improvement projects: Correctional Center employee parking lot, up to \$25,000, Correctional Center kitchen exhaust makeup air unit for \$32,000, Sheriff's storage building insulated steel overhead door for \$2,995, Sheriff's storage building seamless siding for \$28,100, Sheriff's storage building insulate metal walls for \$7,290 and the Sheriff's storage building gas heater for \$3,895. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the Contract for Defense Services with Schuman Law Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, will contact the City of Larimore and ask them to hire someone to clear the snow from the sidewalk in front of 206 Towner Ave, Larimore. The fee should be assessed to the property, along with the water bill for this property. The county took over the property in October 2014 for delinquent taxes.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to move the starting time for the April 7, 2015 Commission Meeting from 4:00pm to 2:00pm, so the Commissioners can attend the GF Region Economic Development Corporation 2015 Annual Meeting. Motion carried with Knauf, Pic and Falck voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to cancel the property taxes on parcel number 45-0001-00062-000, 45-1201-00013-000 and 45-2301-00009-000 and sell them to Inkster City for \$25.00 each. Motion carried unanimously. Inkster City has agreed to waive all specials on these properties.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm. The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2015 at 2:00pm.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor