

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 5, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #8505-8673 in the amount of \$664,168.64; employee status changes for Jarred Melicher, Christina Conley, Andrew Hansen, Megan Kvasager, Aaron Weber, Zachary M. Daniels, Susan Koller and Valerie Leclair; March financial report; and Special Event Permit Alcoholic Beverage License for the Noon Rotary Club of Grand Forks. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Ault, Public Safety Answering Point Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the amendments to the Intergovernmental Joint Powers Agreement for the establishment and operation of a combined Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) approved May 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ault presented the 2014 Grand Forks Public Safety Answering Point Annual Report.

Merylee Castellanos, Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to reserve parking spots #1 – 9 in the Grand Forks Courthouse parking lot as follows: #1 will be for the States Attorney, #2 – 6 will be for the NE Central Judicial District Judges, #7 will be for the Judicial Referee, #8 will be for the Clerk of District Court and #9 will be for the Court Administrator. The individuals holding these positions will be asked first if they would be interested in renting the reserved spot. Motion carried unanimously.

Justin Crail, Live Well Solutions, addressed the board regarding an Employee Assistance Program.

Zaundra Bina, The Village Business Institute, addressed the board regarding an Employee Assistance Program.

Vicky Hendrickson, Payroll and HR Assistant, said in the past, Social Services' employees have had a concern about using The Village because they work so closely with them. Ms. Hendrickson asked Ms. Bina how this would be addressed.

Ms. Bina said that when employees call in, they should say they need a different provider because they work closely with a certain provider. There are eight affiliate providers beyond their office at this time and they are always adding new affiliates.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to accept the high bids from Joy Breidenbach for \$2,313.13 for a 2005 Ford Expedition and from Dennis Denault for \$2,150 for a 2000 Ford F-150. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the request to place a Truck 35mph speed limit on County Road 14. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to direct the County Engineer to contact both the Elevator Managers and the Elevator Boards of Honeyford and Niagara Elevator, requesting their trucks use US Hwy 2 and County Road 2, and avoid County Road 11. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the agreements with Ward and Dickey County for the detention of prisoners. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkholder said he will be purchasing video equipment for their transport vehicle, at a cost of \$1,297.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the purchase of two radios for Correctional Center vehicles at a cost of \$7,362.76, to be paid with a transfer from the General Fund to the Correctional Center budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, invited the Commission to attend the Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice, May 14, 2015, 9:00am, on the 6th floor of the Grand Forks County Office Building.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to increase the daily rate for out of county juvenile holds from \$125 to \$225, effective January 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the Chair's signature on a Grand Forks Enhanced Use Lease Development Grant, Contract #13-15.053 in the amount, not to exceed \$2,500,000, with the State of North Dakota. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to amend the Grand Sky Administrative Fees line item in the BRIC/EUL Department budget by \$8,570 and pay the March 31, 2015 Kutak Rock, LLP invoice of \$8,563.71. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to accept the quote from Stone's Mobile Radio of \$1,730.86 to remove and dispose of the 150' tower located in section 21, Moraine Township. Sheriff Rost will contact the adjacent property owner and ask if they would be interested in purchasing the property for the cost of removing the tower. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director and David Jones, States Attorney, reported what information has been gathered regarding the abandoned cemeteries reported to the Commission by Judy Holweger. It was reported that more time will be needed; Ms. Nelson said we will report back at a future meeting. Commissioner Pic will inform Ms. Holweger.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 at 4:00pm.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor