

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #8674-8918 in the amount of \$855,166.66 and purchasing card transaction in the amount of \$18,384.36; employee status changes for Hannah Dahl, Ronald Johanson, Casey Black, Christina Conley, Jarred Melicher, Jeffery Olmstead, David Moen, Sonya Lundstrom, Amy Smith and Thomas A. Gehrz; Social Service out-of-state travel; overtime; April financial report; Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements; and Grand Forks Highway Department Acceptance Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension Agent, introduced Michael Knudson, Ag and Natural Resources Agent and Jim Gray, NDSU Extension Northeast District Director.

Tom Swoyer, Grand Sky Developer, gave an update on Grand Sky. He said it is going very well, development is progressing. We are waiting for Air Force approval of the Northrop Grumman Lease. Northrop Grumman will be the first tenant of Grand Sky; construction should start later this fall. The infrastructure, security and roads will be started this spring, using funds appropriated by the State of North Dakota. There is some strong tenant interest in Grand Sky.

Sheriff Rost said there will be a guard house built on Grand Sky. Grand Sky Development Corporation would like to contract with Grand Forks County for a Sheriff's Deputy to be located at Grand Sky. The Grand Sky Security Deputy has been classified as a grade 9. There is also a need for a secretary, grade 6, position that would process IDs. The secretary position would be paid 50% by the Developer and 50% by Grand Forks County. After the Administrative Office Building is built, the Developer may request Grand Forks County hire a Corporal position. The Administrative Office Building will have space available for the County to lease for this position. This is just informational at this time.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on a North Dakota Game & Fish Department Boat and Water Safety Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, said the Grand Forks County States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with Law Enforcement, Public Health, Human Services, Social Services, Juvenile Court, UND and the Public School Districts are meeting regarding overdose issues.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board regarding five reported abandoned cemeteries in Grand Forks County. Westfield Pioneer Cemetery is in Steele County, Avon and

Logan Center Cemeteries are maintained by the townships and the Gran Church Cemetery (Rossett Family Cemetery) is privately owned and not recorded as a public burying place according to NDCC 23-06-30.

Nick West, County Engineer, said the Highway Department will maintain the Lakeville Cemetery and he will also go and look at the Gran Church Cemetery in Pleasant View Township.

The Express Employment Professionals' letter was discussed.

The Regional Child Support Lease will be discussed at the June 2, 2015 Commission Meeting.

Chair Knauf said she received a thank you regarding the helpful and professional Veterans Service staff.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to accept Commissioner Schmisek's resignation from the Grand Forks County Commission at the end of the day June 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to invite Presiding Judge Jensen or his designee to participate in the appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy in the County Commission and place a legal notice in the Grand Forks Herald notifying the public of the vacancy with an ending date of May 29, 2015 for applications to be turned in to the Finance and Tax Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm. The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2015 at 4:00pm.

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Gary Malm, Vice Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor