

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 4, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

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

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

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of the agenda, adding the County Engineer after item #10. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #9878-10054 in the amount of \$832,589.00; employee status changes for Brandis Lafrombois, Amanda Weninger, Emily Clark, Nicholas Fladland, Lucas Nelson, Susan Schuler, Kimberly Davis and Cindy Woinarowicz; and overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

The New or Expanding Business Exemption Public Hearing was opened.

Keith Lund, GF Regional Economic Development Corporation Vice President introduced representatives from Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, Virginia Scattergood, Director of Legislative Affairs and Lori Nieto, State Tax Planning Director.

Ms. Nieto explained the Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation's New or Expanding Business Exemption application.

The public hearing was closed.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve a New or Expanding Business Exemption for Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation for five years as follows: 100% for the first three years and 80% for the fourth and fifth years, beginning in 2016. This will apply to any qualified business that applies for a New or Expanding Business Exemption for a project started at Grand Sky in the next three years. A qualified business must score at least 100 points according to the Grand Forks County's New/Expanding Business Policy. Motion carried with Falck, Pic and Engen voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Todd Ford, BRIC/EUL Coordinator, gave an update on Grand Sky. The Joint Use Agreement concept has been approved by the United States Air Force.

Lou Lombardi, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the Chair's signature on letters of support for the establishment of a full time Vet Center in Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the addendum to the Detention of Prisoners Agreement between Burleigh and Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkholder was directed to speak to District Court and Municipal Court regarding split sentencing.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the General Service Agreement between Grand Forks County States Attorney's Office and Meili Smith to provide two video projects relating to drug overdose and community awareness. The cost will be no more than \$2,000 to be paid with Asset Forfeiture fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the following budget amendment, move \$300,000 from 2150.2150.0000.0672.0000 Lay Down Patching to 2150.2150.0000.0444.0000 Bridge Construction and Equipment for repairs to a bridge located on CR #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to allow the Highway Department to hire KLJ to survey, coordinate, permit, design and provide construction engineering services for the repairs to bridge located on CR #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to accept the low proposal from Chiller Systems, Inc for \$33,910 for a new compressor for the County Office Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the job descriptions for the BRIC/EUL Coordinator position and forward them on to Springsted for classification. Motion was withdrawn.

Michele Thiel, Debbie Nelson and Tom Ford were directed to rewrite the job descriptions and bring them back to the meeting for consideration.

Mr. Jones informed the board of a letter received from the ND Insurance Department regarding a delinquent petroleum tank account. The owner or operator has not paid their annual registration fee, and therefore, there will not be coverage from the ND Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund in the event of a spill. The county could be financially responsible for the cleanup cost if the property is not maintained. Mr. Jones has sent a letter attempting to encourage the owner to pay the fee.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to sponsor the Annual 4-H Awards Day at a cost of \$20. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to appoint Dr. Mary Ann Sens as the Grand Forks County Coroner for a period of five years, beginning 9/22/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones said, after further investigation, Grand Forks County will proceed with the award of the Telephone System project with Reliance Telephone awarded on June 16, 2015.

Clarence Dawes, Arvig Communications, asked the board to rebid the Telephone System project.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm. The next meeting will be held on August 18, 2015 at 4:00pm.

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Gary Malm, Acting Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor