

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 3, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of the agenda adding Michele Thiel after item #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #11222-11437 in the amount of \$873,568.05; employee status changes for Amy Waterman, Erin Moody, Karise Goelz, Tom Ford and Angela Panzer; game of chance permit for Forks Rifle Club; and September financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, introduced the new Emergency Manager, Karise Goelz.

Karise Goelz, Emergency Manager, addressed the board.

Molly Soeby, NDSU Extension Service, addressed the board regarding a mobile market trolley that will be purchased with a USDA Farmer's Market Promotion Program Grant that was awarded to the Town Square Farmer's Market.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to approve a letter of support to the ND Department of Transportation for two railroad crossing projects, to include lights and gates. The first project will be paid 75% by the Federal Government, 15% by the State and 10% by the railroad. We may be responsible for the 10% match on the second project, up to \$25,000. The ND Department of Transportation will forward the letter on to the Federal Government. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the use of Federal Aid funds on County Road #1 from State Highway 18 to US Highway 81 and County Road #6 from County Road #81 to County Road #17. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the use of Surge funds on 18 miles on County Road #2 from the Walsh County line to US Highway 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to allow the Highway Department to send a Request for Proposals for engineering services for the 2016 construction projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to recess the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to open the 2015 Property Appraisal Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No objections were heard.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the minimum sale prices on the county tax deed properties and set the property sale for November 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the County Commission Room, County Office Building. Terms of sale are cash or check only. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to close the 2015 Property Appraisal Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded Engen, to reconvene the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the License Agreement for Lease & Maintenance of Public Property with Gowan Farms, effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020. The consideration of this lease/license is \$100 per annum on parcel number 37-1401-00002-002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:44pm. The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2015 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Vice Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor