

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 19, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Chair called for any additions or corrections to the January 5, 2016 minutes, hearing none the minutes were approved as presented.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of the agenda, the Highway Engineer will be removed. 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 #12445 - 12712 in the amount of \$1,763,121.47 and purchasing card transaction in the amount of \$25,664.50; overtime; employee status changes for Dorinda Anderson, Kimberly Sanchez, Shawn Lindemann and Todd Amundson; approve the following securities as pledged: Alerus Financial, \$116,771,390.88; Bremer Bank, \$2,994,650.80; Choice Financial Group, \$2,300,000; First State Bank, \$1,000,000 and Wells Fargo Bank, \$30,961,384.77; and approve the following depositories for Grand Forks County: Alerus Financial, Bank of North Dakota, Bremer Bank, Choice Financial Group, First State Bank, United Valley Bank, US Bank, NA and Wells Fargo Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension, introduced Kayla Bakewell, the new Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent.

Ms. Bakewell addressed the board.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, informed the board that agricultural values will increase 1% in 2016.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to appoint Dan Olson to the Soils Committee to replace David Burkland, representing the southeast quarter of Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to allow the Sheriff's Department to replace the Correctional Center and Juvenile Detention vehicles with two used Sheriff Department vehicles. The Sheriff will trade-in the vehicles being replaced. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a Public Safety and Infrastructure meeting on February 2, 2016 at 3:00pm to discuss loitering in the Grand Forks County Office Building.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, informed the board that a petition was received for Larimore Fire District. Ms. Nelson has asked the States Attorney if the petition is valid. Mr. Jones said he would like to hold off on decision until Monday.

States Attorney David Jones addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to send the draft Codicil to County and Fair Land Use Agreement and the draft Lease Agreement Renewal to the Fair Board for their review and consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to contract with Candy Hess, until the end of January, at a rate of \$28.54, to close files in the States Attorney's office. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to cancel the property taxes on parcel number 45-0001-00050-000 and 45-2301-00008-000 and sell them to Inkster City for \$25.00 each. Motion carried unanimously. Inkster City has agreed to waive all specials on these properties.

Motion by Falck, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2016 at 4:00pm.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor