

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 5, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2016 and March 30, 2016 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the order of the agenda, adding Larimore Golf Course and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation, after item number five. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair asked for any changes to the consent agenda, hearing none, the consent agenda was approved. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #13573-13787 in the amount of \$995,759.01; employee status changes for Nessa Shrank, Todd Viney, Ann Hermanson, Grant Jaeche, Samantha Urlaub, Nicholas Toso, Corey Graff, Megan Anderson and Jennifer Fridgen; and Moraine Township Assessing Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Director, gave an update on the Social Detox Center Funding Agreement.

The Social Detox Center Funding Agreement will be discussed at the next meeting on April 19, 2016.

Hazel Sletten, Larimore Golf Course, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve a beer license for Larimore Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to adopt the Proclamation for the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 10-16, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Meyer, Sanford AirMed, informed the board about their air ambulance service and membership program.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to table discussion on the proposed Sanford AirMed membership until May 3, 2016 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

The security guard proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve out of state travel for Corporal Mike Lee to attend a K9 recertification at Camp Ripley, Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 19, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the following Fire Emergency and Burn Ban:

FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN
FOR
GRAND FORKS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
April 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being and safety of citizens in Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available county resources; and

WHEREAS, this burn ban does not include the City of Grand Forks,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grand Forks County Commissioners declares a fire emergency and the institution of a Burn Ban for Grand Forks County, North Dakota until further notice. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WHICH CARRIES A PENALTY OF UP TO THIRTY (30) DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE PER INCIDENT, AS WELL AS THE COST FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION.

DATED at Grand Forks County, North Dakota this 5th day of April, 2016 and signed by all Grand Forks County Commissioners.

The Sheriff, along with the Emergency Manager and the rural Fire Chief's, has been authorized to remove the Burn Ban when it is determined it should be lifted. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to approve the request by Terracon Consultants Inc. for soil landspreading. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to deny the abatement application from Terrace Pointe, LLC, parcel number 44-1351-00009-000, to reduce the 2014 True and Full Value from \$3,397,900 to \$2,102,600. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the abatement applications from Farmers Elevator Company of Honeyford on parcel number 15-9990-00006-000 and reduce the 2013 and 2014 True and Full Value from \$635,000 to \$0 and reduce the 2013 and 2014 True and Full Value on parcel number 43-9990-00006-003 from \$114,600 to \$0. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the reclassification of the Assistant Tax Equalization Director position. The position will change from a grade 10 to a grade 11, effective April 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the ND Department of Transportation County Agreement for Construction of Federal Aid Project for project RSC-1838(055). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to accept the low bid from Knife River Materials for Federal Aid Projects SC-1802(057) and SC-1824(054). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to accept the low bid from Knife River Materials for the 2016 Surge and SRF paving projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement on project SRF-0018(034). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the following budget reductions:

2110.2110.0000.3391.0000	HB 1173 Funds - \$218,666
2110.2110.0000.0800.0844	Surge Projects - \$218,666

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the following budget reductions:

2150.2150.0000.3101.0000	General Revenue	- \$795,628
2150.2150.0000.3450.0000	Local Road Safety	- \$ 40,000
2150.2150.0000.0424.0000	Gas & Oil Purchases	- \$100,000
2150.2150.0000.0444.0000	Bridge Const & Equip	- \$100,000
2150.2150.0000.0447.0000	Bridge Rip-Rap	- \$ 50,000
2150.2150.0000.0672.0000	Lay Down Patching	- \$110,000
2150.2150.0000.0800.0824	Local Road Safety	- \$ 40,000
2150.2150.0000.0800.0825	Road Improvements	- \$110,000

Cash carried forward will be adjusted by \$325,628. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve using surge funds to replace CR 5 Bridge 18-134-22.0. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to increase Election Worker pay as follows, Inspectors from \$9.10 to \$12 per hour and Judges and Clerks from \$9.10 to \$10 per hour, effective the 2016 election cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to approve out of state travel for Assistant States Attorney to travel to Vergas, Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the replacement of Restitution Coordinator position, grade 7, with a Receptionist position, grade 4, effective immediately and to reclassify three File Clerks, grade 3, to File Technicians, grade 5, effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to reappoint Gary Malm to the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization Board for a two year term, effective April 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:24pm. The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor