

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 16, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes of August 2, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the order of agenda, adding Nick West, County Engineer after item number 9. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #15655-15895 in the amount of \$5,002,302.25 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$23,041.87; employee status changes for Emmitt Drengson, Brianne Davidson, Shawn LaQue, Tyler J. Bakken, Eric Edwardson, Jalissa A. Spanier Keller and Jessica Hoverson; overtime; bond for check reissue; and Social Services out-of- state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, said the US Fish and Wildlife has not approved the land acquisition Mike McEnroe was referring to at the last meeting. The US Fish and Wildlife will contact Mr. McEnroe. No action is required by the Grand Forks County Commission.

Brian Schill, Grand Forks Public Library Board President, presented the Grand Forks Public Library Site Selection Study – Midtown/Downtown.

CT Marhula, Midtown Library Group, presented the community campus idea for the Grand Forks Public Library in the midtown location.

TJ Nagel, 1604 S. Washington St, said the present location of the library is the best site.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Alerus Center, October 31 – November 4, 2016, the hours will be 10:00am – 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to establish an Absentee Ballot Precinct for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve Bank of the West as a depository for Grand Forks County. Motion carried with Pic, Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

The Commission agreed to include a step increase for qualified employees in the preliminary 2017 budget. The proposed step increase would be give on the qualified employee's seniority date. No cost of living adjustment will be added to the preliminary budget because the Human Resource Department has determined the cost of living has not increased.

The Finance and Tax Department will review all 2017 Department budget requests to see if further cuts can be made before the preliminary budget is presented.

David Jones, States Attorney, said he met with Terry Whitmore, Regional Child Support Director, and reviewed the ICON space study. They would like to meet with Commissioners Falck and Malm when the Regional Child Support area is discussed.

Nick West, County Engineer, said that HB 1106 surge funding was initially cut by 4.05% and now it is being cut an additional 2.5%, which would be approximately \$200,000. The budget will be adjusted based on the revenue shortfall.

Mr. West said in Manvel, along County Road 33, there is a landslide between the road and the Turtle River. He has been dealing with Army Corp, Grand Forks Water Resource District, NDDOT and Federal Highway. He said they should have a solution on how to fix the problem in a couple weeks.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Falck, to approve a \$20 sponsorship in the Grand Forks County Annual 4-H Awards Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm. The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor