

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
September 6, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Chair called for any additions or corrections to the August 16, 2016 minutes, hearing none the minutes were approved as presented.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the order of agenda adding Nick West, County Engineer, after number 5. 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 #15896-16117 in the amount of \$1,524,551.68; employee status change for Jolin Adams, Hunter Nelson and Heather Walker; overtime; Game of Chance permits for Forks Rifle Club; and the Strabane Township Assessing Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension, introduced Kim Ruliffson, the new NE District Director.

Ms. Ruliffson addressed the board.

Nick West, County Engineer, gave an update on the landslide between the road and the Turtle River along County Road 33, west of Manvel City.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, presented the Designated Medical Provider Agreement with Altru Occupational Medicine Center. She will sign on behalf of Grand Forks County.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve the attached Future Land Use Map. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Ford to attend an Association of Defense Communities Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 14th- 19th, 2016, using BRIC Grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to establish a Legislative Committee for Grand Forks County. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the 2017 Preliminary Budget.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to add the following to the 2017 Preliminary Budget, \$25,000 for Grand Sky legal fees and a full time Legal Secretary II, grade 8, step 1 plus benefits to the States Attorney's budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to remove the fitness program from the 2017 Preliminary Budget, including fitness hours, fitness bonus and fitness physicals, for a total of \$71,000. The fitness program policy will be reviewed in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to remove the Northland Rescue Mission from Contracted Services in the 2017 Preliminary Budget for a total of \$35,000, due to the contribution to the Detox Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2017 Preliminary Budget, as amended, and set the public hearing on the final budget for September 20, 2016 at 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, said the North Dakota Supreme Court agreed to continue the fifth judgeship in the Northeast Central Judicial District, but the magistrate position will be discontinued effective December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Knauf said on Saturday, September 10th, the Red Cross, the Larimore Volunteer Fire Department and the Grand Forks County Emergency Management Department will be installing smoke alarms in Larimore City homes. They also will be teaching residents how to use the smoke alarms and help them to develop a fire plan. Kari Goelz, Emergency Manager, said they will be going to other communities in Grand Forks County in the future.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Coordinator, said on September 8th he and Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director and Becky Ault, Public Safety Answering Point Director will be hosting a regional responders meeting focusing on Grand Sky .

Moved by Falck, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:37pm. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor