

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 20, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair called for any changes to the agenda, hearing none the order of agenda was approved.

The Chair called 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 #16118-16364 in the amount of \$1,277,710.06 and purchasing card transactions of \$34,148.66; employee status change for Miles Rhonemus, Emilee Woinarowicz; Mayle Perez and David Moen; Blooming and Bentru Township Assessing Agreements; County Township Road Mileage Certifications; and bond for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Matthew Walkowiak, owner of Ground Round Grill & Bar, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded Knauf, to approve a Special Event Permit Alcoholic Beverage License for Ground Round Grill & Bar for an event on September 24, 2016 at 2300 73rd Ave S, Grand Forks, contingent upon notification of the Sheriff of security for the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the application of Brian and Jodi Danzl for the Plat of Danzl Subdivision consisting of 2 lots on 13.06 acres in the NW1/4 of section 24, Northwood Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Malm asked Todd Feland, GF City Administrator, who are the Grand Forks City representatives on the Grand Forks County Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Feland said it is GF City Council Members Crystal Schneider and Danny Weigel.

Brad Gerken, Grand Sky Construction Company, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to accept the lowest and best bid from Opp Construction for \$368,776.80 for Alternate Bid Item 2 for a Taxiway and Apron Pavement Repair project for Grand Sky, to be paid with an Enhanced Use Lease Grant from the 2015 ND Legislative Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Feland, GF City Administrator, gave an update on Grand Forks City.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, asked if the fitness policy is in place for 2017. Chairman Malm said it is not.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the renewal of inmate medical insurance from Correctional Risk Services for .77 per day per inmate. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, said the Highway Department has only purchased used when the vehicle or equipment is not used very often.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve Mr. Burkholder requesting bids on a Ford Expedition. Motion carried unanimously.

The board asked Mr. Burkholder to seek possible financial options for the disposal of the unused inmate video visitation monitors, florescent light fixtures and cameras at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Mr. Burkholder will contact the Grand Forks County Fair Board regarding the possible need for the cameras.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the Detention Service Intergovernmental Agreement with the US Department of Justice for housing Federal inmates at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center for \$75.00 per day and the guard/transportation hourly rate is \$26.45, effective September 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to use the Emergency Fund to pay the expenses for the repair of County Road 33, west of Manvel City. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. West to attend the 31st Annual Local Roads Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota, October 19-20, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to approve the renewal of the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve Debbie Nelson and Deana Mayotte as account signers for Bank of the West. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

The Budget Hearing began at 6:00pm.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to increase the Law Enforcement Physicals line item to \$3,500 and lower the General Fund interim cash by the same amount for the 2017 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing on the 2017 Budget was opened.

Gary Gonitzke, Soil Conservation Supervisor, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Pic, to increase the Soil Conservation budget by \$50,000 and lower the General Fund interim cash by the same amount for the 2017 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the 2017 Final Budget, as amended, which includes a step increase for qualified employees on their seniority date and a 3% salary increase for the Sheriff and States Attorney. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to reconvene. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Service Agreements with CVIC, Lutheran Social Services, Circle of Friends Humane Society, Summer Performing Arts, Red River Children's Advocacy Center and Greater Grand Forks Community Service and Restitution Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm. The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor