

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

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

States Attorney David Jones administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Commissioners, Pic and Engen.

Chairman Malm called for nominations for Chairman to serve from December 2016 to November 2017

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to cast unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Pic to serve as Chair from December 2016 to November 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to cast unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Falck to serve as Vice Chair from December 2016 to November 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #17221-17715 in the amount of \$2,030,325.99; employee status changes for LaRae Guzman, Linda Funkhouser, Rachel Behm; and Ashley MacNaughton; overtime; County Deeds on parcel # 44-2312-00032-019, 04-0104-00017-001, 32-0402-00003-000, 02-2704-00002-000 and 44-1205-00017-000; Social Services out-of-state travel; Larimore Township Assessing Agreement; and bond for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Law Enforcement Services Contract with Larimore City for 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to hire a temporary Family Services Specialist position in place of the approved temporary Social Worker III position. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the presented four highway projects for 2017. The projects will be completed without advancing any federal aid money. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve advancing up to 3 years worth of federal aid dollars through the NDDOT to complete 2017 asphalt paving projects on county road 6 and 7, as presented. Motion carried with Pic, Falck and Engen voting aye and Malm and Knauf voting nay.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Coordinator, addressed the board.

The Commission directed Tom Ford to advertise for bids on the Court Facilities Improvement projects. The bids received will be review at the December 20, 2016 Commission Meeting.

The Grand Forks County Commission agreed to a Joint City/County Meeting in early January.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve out-of-state travel for an Assistant States Attorney to attend the 31st Annual San Diego International Conference, January 31 – February 3, 2017. The Red River Child Advocacy Center will pay all costs except per diem. The board approved up to \$500 per diem. Motion carried unanimously.

The States Attorney office structure will be discussed at the December 20, 2016 Commission Meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve ICON moving forward with the Courthouse remodel project. The project has been estimated to cost \$75,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the Contract for Defense Services with Schuman Law Office for 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month as the meeting dates for the Grand Forks County Commission, except the first meeting in July will be Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

The Grand Forks County Commission recognized the American Legion for their recognition of the 75th anniversary of those that served in Pearl Harbor.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:21pm. The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor