

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 5, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to cast unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Falck to serve as Chairman from December 2017 to November 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to cast unanimous vote to appoint Commissioner Engen to serve as Vice Chair from December 2017 to November 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #22882-23045 in the amount of \$761,494.33; employee status changes for Renee Powell, Katrina Johnson Strasner, Kelsey Aman, Sonja Olson and Sarah Everett; County Deeds on parcel numbers 09-3503-00002-000, 46-0001-00366-000 and 44-2311-00132-012; bonds for check reissue; and Plymouth Township Assessing Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Lund, GF Region Economic Development President & CEO, introduced the following EDC staff: Brandon Baumbach, Wes Shover, Doris Cooper and Becca Cruger.

Becca Cruger, EDC Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, gave an update on the “Way Cooler Than You Think” campaign.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Pic, to provide \$10,000, from the 2018 budget, to the Economic Development Corporation for the “Way Cooler Than You Think” campaign to support regional workforce recruitment and retention. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks Enhanced Use Lease Development Grant, effective November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Absey, Clerk of Court, addressed the board.

Scott Johnson, Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to approve the application for a Court Facilities Improvement Grant for improvements to jury and witness boxes in two courtrooms. Motion carried with Falck, Engen, Knauf and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for a Court Facilities Improvement Grant for improvement and enhanced security for the Clerk of Court’s office. This application is first priority of the two applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to sponsor a table at the January 18, 2018 Chamber Annual Meeting and Dinner, Governor Doug Burgum will be the keynote speaker, for a cost of \$700. Motion carried with Falck, Engen, Knauf and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the Resolution to award project BRO-0018(035) to On The Level Construction Inc. for \$585,941. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the employee status change for Bobbi Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Move by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to set the 2018 Grand Forks County Commission meetings for the first and third Tuesday of each month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for the 2018 election cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to establish the rural precincts and voting places as listed below for the 2018 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

PRECINCT NO. 1 at Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St S., Grand Forks, (Shall be comprised of Brenna and Grand Forks Townships).

PRECINCT NO. 6 at Bible Baptist Church, Grand Forks, (Shall be comprised of part of Grand Forks Air Force Base, Blooming, Rye and Falconer Township).

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2017.

Thomas H. Falck, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor