

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 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 Falck, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the order of agenda, adding the Veterans Service Officer after item number six. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #18887-19035 in the amount of \$685,731.23; employee status changes for Katherine Dachtler, Joseph Stark and Lacy Suby; overtime; Beer License for Larimore Golf Club, Inc.; Assessing Agreement with Levant and Niagara Townships; game of chance permit for UND Wildlife Society; and bond for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the Soil Committee's recommendation to value agricultural property using a revised method based on productivity indexes (PIs). The overall result will be a 2% decrease in agricultural values for 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to accept lowest responsible bid from Gowan Construction for class 13 aggregate. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to accept the lowest responsible bid from Opp Construction for crushed concrete. Motion failed unanimously.

Bob Sween, Gowan Construction, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to accept the lowest responsible bid from Gowan Construction for crushed concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to accept the lowest responsible bid from True North Steel for steel pipe culverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to accept the lowest responsible bid from True North Steel for flap gates. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to accept the lowest responsible bid from Advance Drainage Systems for polypropylene pipe culverts. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to accept the engineering proposal from AE₂S for the Walle Township bridge replacement project. Motion carried unanimously.

Lou Lombardi, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Mr. Lombardi introduced the new Assistant Veterans Service Officer, Frank Galbraith.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Galbraith to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Training, April 10 -14, 2017 in Omaha, NE. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Falck addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to send a letter to Regional Child Support notifying them of the intent not to renew their lease, effective July 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2017.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor