

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

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

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #19036-19346 in the amount of \$569,349.22 and purchasing card transactions of \$24,765.52; employee status changes for Julie Larson, Jake Mutzenberger, Ryan Hutton, Alana Johnston, and Matthew Filkins; and overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the application from Paul Bernardy to rezone 63.49 acres of land from Agricultural Preservation District (A-1) to Rural Residential Single Family (RR-1) in the SW ¼ of section 35, Elm Grove Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the plat application from Paul Bernardy for Elm Grove Estates consisting of 20 lots on 63.49 acres in the SW ¼ of section 35, Elm Grove Township, with the following conditions:

1. Homeowner's association bylaws and roadway/storm water maintenance agreements shall be recorded at the same time as the plat.
2. A financial guarantee in the amount of \$60,000 shall be submitted prior to the County Planner signing the Plat mylar.
3. The proposed homeowner's association bylaws and roadway/storm water maintenance agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the States Attorney's Office prior to the County Planner signing Plat mylar.
4. The road height requirement of Bernardy Road NE and Brorby Circle NE shall be lowered from three feet to two feet above average grade. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to approve a 2017 membership in the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber's Golden Eagle Club at a cost of \$250. The Club's mission is to provide adequate resources to support and demonstrate appreciation for the men and women serving the Greater Grand Forks military community. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be an Administrative Services Committee meeting on April 4, 2017 at 3:00pm to discuss the Parking Ramp Request for Proposals for snow removal and maintenance.

Nick West, County Engineer, presented the bids received by the ND Department of Transportation for the 2017 Grand Forks County paving projects; the low bid was from Knife River Materials for \$3,842,449.83.

Mr. West explained the need to replace the Highway Department equipment shed. The Commission directed Mr. West to contact the property owners adjacent to the property and the City of Thompson before building a new structure on that site.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the purchase of a new metal detector for the Grand Forks County Courthouse. The cost is approximately \$5,500, to be paid from the Capital Improvement's budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Reidhammer, 39<sup>th</sup> St NE, said he has concerns about the road to the new subdivision, Elm Grove Estates. He said he is worried about the increased traffic on the road, possible easements and the costs to maintain the road. The Commission directed him to contact Elm Grove Township and the landowner.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:27pm. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2017.

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Cynthia Pic, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor