

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 18, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Falck, Engen, Knauf and Malm present. Chair Pic was absent. Vice Chair Falck was the Acting Chair of the meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 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 Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #19556-19771 in the amount of \$1,403,875.42 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$31,603.50; employee status changes for Mark Rice, George Jirout, Clarissa Van Eps, Sarah Everett, Noah Prudhomme, Kenneth Nelson, Alice Thiegles, Ryan Hutton, Sara Bondy and Katherine M. Daniels; overtime; game of chance permit for Larimore Golf Club; and March financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to appoint Kyle Kvamme to the unexpired term of Robert White to the Planning and Zoning board, term will expire December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Motion by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for the Emergency Management Department as follows:

Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) course, May 16–17, 2017, St. Paul, Minnesota. To be attended by Kari Goelz.

Critical Asset Risk Management course, June 20-21, 2017, St. Paul, Minnesota. To be attended by Kari Goelz.

National Transportation Safety Board Transportation Disaster Assistance Workshop, May 9-10, 2017, Bloomington, Minnesota. To be attended by Kari Goelz and Donna Flaten. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the following at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center: restructure from 2 Lieutenant positions to 3 Lieutenant positions; restructure from 6 Sergeant to 4 Sergeant positions; and restructure the flex team, replacing a Sergeant position with a Correctional Officer, effective August 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Ford to attend a Base Realignment and Closure forum in Washington, DC, July 10-12, 2017. This will be paid from the Base Realignment Impact Committee (BRIC) Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of 100 Base Realignment Impact Committee commemorative coins at a cost of \$675. This will be paid from the BRIC Grant. Motion carried with Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the ND Department of Transportation County Federal Aid Contract between Grand Forks County and Knife River Materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, the following Knife River Materials projects have been inspected and accepted by Grand Forks County on August 29, 2016: Recycled HBP Overlay & Milling Projects SC-1802(055), SC-1815(055) & CNOA-1812(055). Motion carried unanimously.

Betty Gregoire and John Ford, residents of Allendale Township, spoke in opposition of the proposed ILF Mitigation Site in Allendale Township.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to reaffirm the motion that was made on September 9, 2014 to recommend the proposed ILF Mitigation Site in Allendale Township be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Malm asked Mr. West to bring a proposal back to the next meeting for the Highway Department to maintain and remove the snow from the County Office Building parking ramp.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Joint Powers/Election Assistance Agreement between Grand Forks County and Grand Forks City. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to cancel the property taxes on parcel number 43-0001-00016-001 and sell the parcel to Gilby City for \$25.00. Motion carried unanimously. Gilby City has agreed to waive all specials.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2017.

Thomas H. Falck, Acting Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor