

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 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 May 16, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda, adding NDSU Extension after item 5, adding Sheriff Rost after item 6 and deleting item 10, Emergency Management Director. 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 #20252-20483 in the amount of \$953,885.35; employee status changes for Teresa Marston, Larry R. Hoffman, Ian Woods, Kayla Dunwoody, Kelsey Delisle, Brook Moen and Whitney Perez; overtime; City/Township Maintenance Agreements; April Financial Report; and game of chance permit for 319 FSS Booster Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Lester was not present to address questions regarding the Special Event Permit request. This will be placed on the June 20, 2017 Commission Meeting.

Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension, introduced the newly hired Extension Agent, Sam Haugen.

Mr. Haugen introduced himself to the board.

Keith Lund, EDC Vice President, and Brandon Baumbach, Development/Outreach Manager, gave an Economic Development update.

Klaus Thiessen, EDC President & CEO, informed the board he will be retiring June 30, 2017 and he thanked the Commission for their support. The Commission thanked him for his service to Grand Forks County.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the Chair's signature on a North Dakota Game & Fish Department Boat and Water Safety Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherriff Rost and Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board regarding a need for an outdoor warning siren in Arvilla Village.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to continue to investigate a possible outdoor warning siren in Arvilla Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to recess the board and convene as the County Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:46pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn the County Board of Equalization and reconvene the County Commission Board. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:56pm.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Malm, to table discussion on the Grand Sky secretary position until the June 20, 2017 Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, addressed the board.

The Commission directed Ms. Thiel to move forward with developing a Leave Donation Policy.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve a three-year contract with Live Well Solutions for an Employee Assistance Program at a cost of \$1.89 per month per employee, effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. Motion carried with Pic, Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Nick West, County Engineer, and Al Grasser, Grand Forks City Engineer, addressed the board regarding overlaying 62nd Avenue South.

The Commission agreed to consider the overlaying project in a year.

Earl Haugen, Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director, gave an update on the I-29 Traffic Operations Study.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grant Application Support for NDDOT Bridge Load Testing Project. Motion carried with Pic, Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the Capital Asset Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Waldo, 1070 Robin Rd NE, Allendale Township, addressed the board regarding road maintenance in his subdivision. Mr. West, County Engineer, said there are three subdivisions in Grand Forks County that have been “grandfathered in”, so the County maintains those roads. Grand Forks County does not take care of any roads in new subdivisions.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2017.

Thomas H. Falck, Vice Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor