

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
July 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 approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, 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 #20746-20923 in the amount of \$847,604.42; and employee status changes for Brenda Serrano, Anna J. Peterson, Jenna R. Shern and Myste Hutton. Motion carried unanimously.

The New or Expanding Business Exemption Public Hearing was opened.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

The public hearing was closed.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve a New or Expanding Business Exemption for Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation for five years as follows: 100% for the first three years and 80% for the fourth and fifth years, beginning in 2018. Motion carried with Pic, Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, addressed the board.

Tom Grinde, Buildings and Grounds, addressed the board regarding concerns with snow removal by a private company.

Tom Ford will discuss snow removal with Nick West, County Engineer.

Tom Ford and Keith Lund, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation President gave an update on the GF Region Workforce Partnership.

Mr. Ford said the Association of Defense Communities has selected Grand Forks for a regional forum on October 10 – 11, 2017.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2015 Base Retention Grant extension to June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to open the Architectural Study of the GF County Correctional Center Request for Proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to accept the three proposals received for further review. The following proposals were received: JLG Architects, ICON Architectural Group and Klein, McCarthy Architects. Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to approve the Grand Forks County General Assistance Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

The appointment to the upcoming vacancy on the County Commission will be discussed on August 1, 2017.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the Child Support Enforcement Amendments to the Lease, #420-06957E and #420-06957F for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the following Grand Sky invoices from the 2015 Enhanced Use Lease Grant:

CPS - \$16,092.85

Opp Construction - \$217,832.17

Community Contractors - \$163,097.24

Grand Sky Development Company - \$28,444.49

Motion carried with unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Falck, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm. The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2017.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor