

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #18405-18620 in the amount of \$948,879.07; employee status changes for Kristina Anderson, Thomas Ford, Mitchell A. Grove, Katrina Strasner and Matthew Collier; overtime; game of chance permit for Midway Public School, County Deed on parcel number 44-1206-00327-000; and ND Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Willie Huot, NDSU Extension, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to allow the 2017 Extension Subsurface Drainage Design Workshop to use the County Office Building Office sixth floor lobby area for vendor tables on March 1 - 2, 2017. Mr. Huot will notify Building and Grounds of the use of the area. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Government Relations Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Engen, to co-sponsor the North Dakota National Guard Reception in Washington, DC on May 3, 2017, along with Grand Forks City and the Chamber of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks. Grand Forks County's approximate cost will be \$670. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission agreed that Mr. Ford, along with Ms. Thiel, Human Resource Director, should bring back ideas for adding artwork/pictures to the first floor lobby in the County Office Building. They should also consult with the Mr. Purcell, Buildings and Grounds Manager.

The Commission agreed that Mr. Ford should look into a logo for Grand Forks County.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter of support for a Center for Excellence Base Realignment Grant, which will support beyond the line of sight development at Grand Sky Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Hanson, GF Housing Authority Executive Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to provide \$10,000, from the 2015 Base Retention Grant, to the Grand Forks Housing Authority for a Regional Housing Study and provide a letter of support for a Housing Markets Survey Grant, which is a cost share program to assist in the development of housing studies. Motion carried with Pic, Falck, Engen and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, address the board. Mr. Burkholder will continue to research radio connectivity at the Correctional Center. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Malm, to accept the quote from Bert's Truck in East Grand Forks to provide the water tank up fitting. Total price of truck up fitted would be \$137,283. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to accept the bid from Tri-Steel for four new Woods mowers at a price of \$24,595 each and sell the four used mowers at the Main Resource Equipment Auction at the Alerus Center on March 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to approve the ND Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement, SC-CNOC-1800(017). Motion carried unanimously.

David Jones, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the following bids for the Grand Forks County Courthouse Remodel Project:

General Contractor:

Diversified Contractors	\$33,800
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Mechanical Contractor:

CL Linfoot	2,351
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Electrical Contractor:

RBB Electric, Inc.	9,000
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Total construction cost of \$45,151. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Malm addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to request proposals for the maintenance and snow removal of the Grand Forks County parking ramp. Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Absey, Clerk of District Court, addressed the board regarding the possibility of reserving parking spots on the third floor of the Grand Forks County parking ramp. The Commission said most of the parking on the third floor is open parking.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2017.

Thomas H. Falck, Acting Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor