

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Pic, Falck, Rost, Engen and Knauf present. Commissioners Falck, Engen and Knauf participated via Zoom.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Commission meeting and the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Special Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #37699 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$200, 37700 - Landeis, Katelyn- \$134.4, 37701 - Aflac Group- \$467.96, 37702 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$795.18, 37703 - Fidelity Security Life- \$3183.23, 37704 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$106, 37705 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$271.87, 37706 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$108, 37707 - ND F.O.P.- \$600, 37708 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$156.53, 37709 - United States Treasury- \$91.15, 37710 - USAble Life- \$49.08, 37711 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$78.94, 37712 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$64.61, 37713 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$63.91, 37714 - 1101 Dental Pllc- \$400, 37715 - 3-D Specialties- \$567, 37716 - A+ Yard and Snow LLC- \$976.75, 37717 - Accurate Controls- \$7217.94, 37718 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$2193, 37719 - Altru Health System (978)- \$385.89, 37720 - Aramark.- \$221.8, 37721 - Auto Glass & Aftermarket- \$720.8, 37722 - Barrett Mary- \$18, 37723 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$1280, 37724 - Bert's Truck Equipment Inc.- \$71.14, 37725 - Bob Barker Company- \$183.87, 37726 - Bobcat of Grand Forks- \$2693.88, 37727 - Boucher, Alyson- \$239.68, 37728 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$24.16, 37729 - Cass County Sheriff- \$28.5, 37730 - CDW Government- \$554.4, 37731 - Chi St. Alexius Health- \$30, 37732 - CHS Ag Services- \$2694.69, 37733 - Continental Covenant LLC- \$120, 37734 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 37735 - Dell Marketing Lp- \$1222.32, 37736 - Expressway Suites-Grand Forks- \$77.95, 37737 - First Collections Inc- \$227.97, 37738 - First Collections Inc- \$439.4, 37739 - Forum Communications- \$59.56, 37740 - Franz, Rachel- \$56.72, 37741 - Gateway Auto Tech- \$1681.57, 37742 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$1168.73, 37743 - GF Welding & Machine- \$629.22, 37744 - Good Friends Bar & Cafe- \$75, 37745 - Greatamerica Financial Srvcs- \$1455.64, 37746 - Gregory J Norman Funeral Home- \$6900, 37747 - Gudajtes Amber- \$110.32, 37748 - Information Systems Corporatio- \$1085, 37749 - Information Technology Dept- \$446.5, 37750 - Interstate Power Systems Inc- \$918.32, 37751 - Interstate Towing & Recovery- \$2220.76, 37752 - Johnson Controls Fire Protection Lp- \$10672.49, 37753 - Johnson, Victoria G- \$780, 37754 - Keith's Security World- \$90, 37755 - Knight Printing- \$235.76, 37756 - Kootenai County Clerk- \$17, 37757 - Lacial Equipment Inc- \$2727.48, 37758 - Lee Anne- \$28, 37759 - Lexipol LLC- \$4743, 37760 - Liberty Business Systems-Fargo- \$221.13, 37761 - Lipp Carlson & Assoc Ltd- \$75, 37762 - Little Keepers.- \$1569.82, 37763 - Lunski, Angela- \$936.87, 37764 - McKesson Medical Surgical- \$170.62, 37765 - Menards- \$1371.64, 37766 - Midcontinent Communications- \$449.28, 37767 - Midcontinent Communications- \$420, 37768 - Mutch Oil Company- \$1302, 37769 - Naversa LLC- \$222, 37770 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$213, 37771 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$600, 37772 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$1491.38, 37773 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$941.04, 37774 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$1760.16, 37775 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$1900.1, 37776 - ND Weed Control Assoc-Elgin- \$275, 37777 - NDCCAA- \$100, 37778 - Networking Specialists- \$9796, 37779 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$359.71, 37780 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$68.74, 37781 - NPCC- \$100, 37782 - Office Depot-Chicago- \$379.8, 37783 -

Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$726.92, 37784 - PBS Learning Institute Inc- \$5000, 37785 - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$1847.16, 37786 - Red River Welders Supply- \$122.72, 37787 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$2724.5, 37788 - RHI Supply- \$193.37, 37789 - Sherwin Williams- \$2515.54, 37790 - Social Security Administration_ 2949- \$2756.05, 37791 - Spivey Susan- \$293.75, 37792 - Staples Advantage- \$404.05, 37793 - Streichers- \$1087.67, 37794 - Tennessee Dept of Safety- \$5, 37795 - Thomson West- \$468.15, 37796 - Thur-O-Clean- \$485, 37797 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$2016, 37798 - Tyler Technologies Inc- \$43606.19, 37799 - UND Office of Safety- \$1317.71, 37800 - Walls Medicine Center- \$56.38, 37801 - Workforce Safety & Insurance- \$596.59 and ACH payments to - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor- \$129.84, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor- \$36.88, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor- \$19.97, - Advanced Business Methods- \$139, - Allstate Peterbilt- \$57.4, - Allstate Peterbilt- \$172.2, - Allstream- \$64.64, - Auto Value-Grand Forks- \$162.45, - Bakke Funeral Home- \$2300, - Batteries Plus Bulbs- \$79.96, - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$75, - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$225, - Bell Insurance Services LLC- \$1701, - Benefit Extras Inc- \$1169.25, - Border States Electric Supply- \$637.5, - Border States Electric Supply- \$140.94, - Border States Electric Supply- \$92.17, - Border States Electric Supply- \$-140.94, - Business Essentials- \$66.38, - Business Essentials- \$434.32, - Business Essentials- \$167.92, - Business Essentials- \$13.78, - Business Essentials- \$123.26, - Business Essentials- \$189.99, - Business Essentials- \$36.13, - C L Linfoot Company- \$2094.5, - Cintas- \$82.54, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$1654.33, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$198.22, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$411.08, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$411.08, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$61.36, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$165, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$1542.3, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$732.15, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$477.45, - Dietzler Electric LLC- \$1292.35, - Dietzler Electric LLC- \$1233.13, - Dietzler Electric LLC- \$3428.95, - Docu Shred Inc- \$38.17, - Docu Shred Inc- \$76.34, - Docu Shred Inc- \$114.5, - Embrace Pharmacy Inc.- \$3855.61, - Global Safety Network- \$137, - Global Safety Network- \$74, - Greg's Laundry Equip Service- \$144.11, - Guardian RFID- \$59.73, - Home of Economy- \$9.98, - Home of Economy- \$32.95, - Home of Economy- \$74.91, - Home of Economy- \$55.94, - Orchard Oil Co- \$4300, - Orchard Oil Co- \$4104, - Phoenix Supply- \$684.92, - Phoenix Supply- \$87.66, - Royal Tire Inc- \$178.36, - Royal Tire Inc- \$273.02, - Royal Tire Inc- \$92.41, - Royal Tire Inc- \$154.28, - Royal Tire Inc- \$96.09, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$99.82, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$76.48, - Simonson Lumber & Hardware-GF- \$12.24, - Spray Advantage Inc- \$19.95, - Stein's Inc.- \$589.48, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$35.23, - Summit Food Services LLC- \$7492.43, - Toshiba Business Solutions- \$43.31, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company- \$92.07, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company- \$5.48, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company- \$25.08, - Valley Truck- \$205.8, - Walls Ltc Pharmacy Inc- \$19.99 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$32,603.78; employee status changes for Allison Johnke, Brian Nunn, Richard Frederick and Nathan Walbaum; and game of chance permits for North Dakota Shooting Sports Association and Altru Health Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

David Staveteig and Joel Anderson from the Grand Forks County Weed Board addressed the board regarding their recommendation for appointment to the Grand Forks County Weed Board.

Marsha Van Laere, Grand Forks County Weed Board applicant addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to accept the recommendation of the Grand Forks County Weed Board and appoint Samuel Landman to the Grand Forks County Weed Board for an unexpired four year term that will expire December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Pic asked the Grand Forks County Weed Board to invite all future applicants to a Grand Forks County Weed Board meeting prior to making the recommendation for appointment to the Grand Forks County Commission.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Heather Everson to a three year term on the Grand Forks Emergency Management Board, effective March 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Director and Narysse Nicolet, Public Health Program Specialist gave a COVID-19 update.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Rost, to accept the lowest responsible bid from ICS, Inc. for the general, mechanical and electrical bid of \$144,670 for the County Office Building/Courthouse Safety project, contingent upon receiving a current Contractor License. The CARES Fund will be used to fund this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford will contact ICS, Inc. to ask if the date of completion will change because of the additional mechanical and electrical work.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, said at this time we have a low spring flooding threat but she also said that Grand Forks County is in a low-level drought. Precipitation will be watched in the next 3 or 4 weeks to gauge if a burn ban will be needed.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to accept the recommendation of the RFP Selection Committee to hire KLJ for the construction engineering on the BRR-BRO-0054(050) project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to accept the proposal from KLJ for preliminary engineering and environmental study on the BRO-0018(037) project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the resolution opposing Senate Bill 2026 with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution is attached.

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

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the Third Supplemental Trust Indenture with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Gerszewski, Buildings and Grounds Manager, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to accept option #1 and #3 of the proposal from Vasek Construction, Inc. for \$59,114 for the County Office Building door replacement, with up to \$2,500 for additional concrete work if needed. This will be paid from capital improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve a Letter to the Editor of the Grand Forks Herald on behalf of the Grand Forks County Commission in support of Grand Forks Public Health, Altru Health Systems and Grand Forks Public Health Officer, Dr. Walz for their efforts in leading the region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion carried unanimously. Letter is attached.

Commissioner Falck informed the board that the heat was not working in the Attendant Care area and because the repairs needed to be made prior to the Attendant Care program starting on March 1, 2021, he approved up to \$3,600 for repairs to the heating system.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:19pm. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor