

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 6, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Commission Meeting and the March 11, 2021 Special Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of the agenda adding the Public Safety Answering Point Director after item 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #37922 - Burleigh County Sheriff- \$750, 37923 - City of Berthold- \$500, 37924 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$10000, 37925 - Grabanski John M- \$147, 37926 - Midcontinent Communications- \$4134.35, 37927 - Pembina County Sheriff- \$250, 37928 - Richter Nicole- \$17.5, 37929 - Stromberg David- \$147, 37930 - Aflac Group- \$467.96, 37931 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$795.18, 37932 - Fidelity Security Life- \$3340.26, 37933 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$106, 37934 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$271.87, 37935 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$108, 37936 - ND F.O.P.- \$600, 37937 - Rodenburg Law Firm- Fargo- \$156.53, 37938 - United States Treasury- \$91.15, 37939 - US Able Life- \$49.08, 37940 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$78.94, 37941 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$63.59, 37942 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$150.46, 37943 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$63.91, 37944 - 1101 Dental Pllc- \$701, 37945 - 3-D Specialties- \$2287.81, 37946 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$1197, 37947 - Altru Health System (978)- \$2506.1, 37948 - Anderson, Katrina- \$84, 37949 - Aramark.- \$835.2, 37950 - Atkinson, Kaitlin J - \$349.39, 37951 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$2600.5, 37952 - Boegel Susan- \$452.16, 37953 - Border States Trophy & Awards- \$50, 37954 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$11.92, 37955 - Butler Machinery Company- \$3005.86, 37956 - Cartridge Center Inc- \$292, 37957 - Chi St. Alexius Health- \$18.14, 37958 - Cities Area Transit- \$350, 37959 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$2671.12, 37960 - City of Thief River Falls- \$245.48, 37961 - Dakota Supply Group- \$1574.65, 37962 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 37963 - Defense Edge Training & Consulting, Inc- \$450, 37964 - Dell Marketing Lp- \$2640, 37965 - Development Homes- \$181.25, 37966 - Diamond Cleaning Supply- \$1311.9, 37967 - Elick Funeral Home- \$2300, 37968 - Empowered Solutions LLC- \$97.92, 37969 - Englehart, Chad- \$269.14, 37970 - Essig Megan J- \$308, 37971 - Fairfield Inn By Marriott- \$340.8, 37972 - Force America- \$206.16, 37973 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$1130.3, 37974 - GF Welding & Machine- \$756.8, 37975 - Glenn's Sinclair Service- \$91.07, 37976 - Gowan Jennifer L- \$350, 37977 - Greatamerica Financial Srvcs- \$1455.64, 37978 - H & L Mesabi- \$19355.04, 37979 - Heartland Consulting Group LLC- \$9875, 37980 - Hobart Sales & Services- \$93.32, 37981 - Interstate Power Systems Inc- \$2973.52, 37982 - Interstate Towing & Recovery- \$1266.98, 37983 - Keith's Security World- \$59.14, 37984 - KLJ- \$333.81, 37985 - Knight Printing- \$583, 37986 - Knutson Printing Co- \$89, 37987 - Krogstad Jason- \$3300, 37988 - Liberty Business Systems-Fargo- \$221.13, 37989 - Lipp Carlson & Assoc Ltd- \$75, 37990 - Little Keepers.- \$99.54, 37991 - Mattison Carmell- \$666.4, 37992 - McKissick-Collier, Semia- \$100, 37993 - Menards- \$421.56, 37994 - Mick's Scuba- \$550, 37995 - Midcontinent Communications- \$884.74, 37996 - Murray, Annette- \$1268.96, 37997 - Mutch Oil Co- \$1187.83, 37998 - Mutch Oil Company- \$536.4, 37999 - Nardini Fire Equipment Co- \$881.5, 38000 - ND Attorney General- \$547.96, 38001 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$600, 38002 - Nelco First Aid Inc- \$108.6, 38003 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$332.09, 38004 - Norquay, Jamie- \$828.8, 38005 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$699.79, 38006 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$41.6, 38007 - Oceanid- \$425, 38008 - Office Depot-Chicago- \$525.92, 38009 - Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake-

\$710.83, 38010 - Pembina County Sheriff- \$150, 38011 - Ps Door Services- \$721.19, 38012 - Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc- \$205.26, 38013 - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$288.28, 38014 - Reliance Inmate Systems- \$6000, 38015 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$392, 38016 - Rivard, Patricia- \$15, 38017 - Schmitz Inc- \$825, 38018 - Severin Law Firm- \$303.72, 38019 - Skip's Petroleum- \$2875.28, 38020 - Social Security Administration_ 2949- \$5492, 38021 - Social Security Administration_ 2949- \$7252.8, 38022 - Streichers- \$889.8, 38023 - The Chamber of Commerce-GF- \$300, 38024 - Thur-O-Clean- \$485, 38025 - Titan Machinery-GF- \$95.52, 38026 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$1152, 38027 - Traill County Sheriff- \$1000, 38028 - True North Equipment- \$108.92, 38029 - Twp of Loretta Clk/Treas- \$6669.62, 38030 - Walls Medicine Center- \$73.81, 38031 - Walters, Jessica- \$200, 38032 - Winsupply of Grand Forks- \$189.86, 38033 - Xcel Energy-Roseville- \$187.81, and ACH payments to - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor Total- \$4100, - Advanced Business Methods Total- \$6662.5, - Agweek Total- \$1670.5, - All Embracing Home Care LLC Total- \$587.92, - Allstate Peterbilt Total- \$499, - Allstream Total- \$2300, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC Total- \$1874, - Border States Electric Supply Total- \$1176.75, - Business Essentials Total- \$22.28, - C L Linfoot Company Total- \$90, - Century Electric Inc. Total- \$901.76, - Cintas Total- \$222.46, - Cole Paper Inc. Total- \$4426.54, - Diamond Drugs, Inc. Total- \$363.03, - Docu Shred Inc Total- \$253.37, - Embrace Pharmacy Inc. Total- \$1203.58, - Federal Safety Compliance Total- \$38.66, - Global Safety Network Total- \$4030, - Greg's Laundry Equip Service Total- \$347.25, - Home of Economy Total- \$373.53, - Phoenix Supply Total- \$111.84, - Rydell Chevrolet Total- \$149.54, - Spray Advantage Inc Total- \$36, - State Supply Co Total- \$2671.2, - Stay & Play Pet Resort LLC Total- \$26, - Stein's Inc. Total- \$150.82, - Stericycle Inc Total- \$176.21, - Summit Food Services LLC Total- \$640.75, - Telanguage Inc Total- \$114.36, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company Total- \$107.95, - Xcel Energy - Mpls Total- \$117.23 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$24,080.84; employee status changes for Allison Johnke and Megan D. Wilmer; overtime; February financial report; and game of chance permit for Grand Forks Air Force Base Sportsmens Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to recess the GF County Commission Meeting and convene the GF County Building Authority. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:03pm.

President Knauf called the GF County Building Authority to order.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Grand Forks County Building Authority, Taxable Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 with the President's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to adjourn the GF County Building Authority and reconvene the GF County Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:05pm.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Rost, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Grand Forks County Building Authority, Taxable Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Anne Wuollet, Public Financial Management, said it was a very successful sale, there were six bidders, and the estimated saving will be around \$200,000 over the life of the bonds.

Becky Ault, Public Safety Answering Point Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to adopt the Proclamation for the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 11-17, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris McShane, Attorney representing the Grand Forks/Trail County Joint Water Resource District, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Rost, to hold a public meeting at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on May 18, 2021, regarding the Grand Forks-Trail Joint Water Resource District's acquisition of the right of way necessary to complete the Thompson Drainage Improvement District No. 27 Project, and to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to Carolyn Heskin notifying her of the public hearing to be held on May 18, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Director, gave a COVID-19 update and informed the board it is currently National Public Health Week, April 5 -11, 2021.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to continue the Grand Forks County Fire Emergency Declaration until further notice, effective April 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Deputy Dave Stromberg, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the following Burn Ban:

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry Conditions; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available county recourses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Grand Forks County, a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, by and through the Board of County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban to include recreational fires for the County of Grand Forks and City of Grand Forks, its public and private areas, until further notice.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WHICH CARRIES A PENALTY OF UP TO THIRTY (30) DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE PER INCIDENT, THE COURT MAY ORDER RESTITUTION FOR THE COST OF FIRE SUPPRESSION.

DATED at Grand Forks County, North Dakota this 6th day of April, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Haley Wamstad, State's Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve the Administrative Supervisor position job description and approve the employee status changes for Darlene Jensen and Jennifer Alvstad. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to earmark the Merrifield bridge project and submit the request as a top five project for Federal Community Project Funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. West will work with the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization to submit the application for the Federal Community Project Funding by April 16, 2021.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Rost, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor