

GRAND FORKS COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
October 11, 2021 – 1:00pm

Action Items:

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview
2. City of Grand Forks request for GF County ARPA Funds for Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure
3. Military Installation Resiliency (MIR) Bid Award
4. Burnn Boiler & Mechanical, Inc Contract for the County Office Building Chiller Replacement

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

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, gave the ARPA overview, see attached.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to approve the payment of the County Office Building chiller with ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously. The chiller is in the 1.7 Capital Investments that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency expenditure category.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to moved qualified ARPA expenditures from fund 2561 - CARES fund, that have occurred since March 3, 2021 to fund 2562 - American Rescue Plan fund. All future qualified ARPA expenditures will be paid from fund 2562 – American Rescue Plan fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Forks City Mayor Brandon Bochenski addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Falck, to approve \$3,000,000 of the Grand Forks County ARPA fund allocation for wastewater treatment infrastructure for Grand Forks City, contingent upon the agri-business they are currently pursuing makes a commitment to Grand Forks City. Motion carried unanimously. The wastewater treatment infrastructure is in the 5.1 expenditure category.

Coiya Tompkins, President/CEO Community Violence Intervention Center, addressed the board.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

The Administrative Services Committee will have a meeting on October 19, 2021 at 1:30pm to further consider the ARPA requests.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to accept the selection committee's recommendation to award the Military Installation Resiliency contract to Donohoe Associates for \$241,450. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Rost, to approve the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreement with Burnn Boiler & Mechanical, Inc with the Chair's signature for the Grand Forks County Office Building chiller replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Cynthia Pic, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor