

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Agenda item number 2, Election of Chair and Vice Chair was tabled until the December 21, 2021 Commission Meeting.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check # 39686 - Aflac Group- \$443.14, 39687 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$674.02, 39688 - Florida State Disbursement Unit- \$163.39, 39689 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$106, 39690 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$134, 39691 - ND F.O.P.- \$600, 39692 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$156.53, 39693 - US Able Life- \$49.08, 39694 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$78.94, 39695 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$62.45, 39696 - 1101 Dental Pllc- \$2905, 39697 - Abbco Tools LLC- \$199.99, 39698 - Advanced Engineering & Environmental Ser- \$900, 39699 - Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.- \$1935.88, 39700 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$2259.5, 39701 - Altru Health System (978)- \$469.35, 39702 - American Bankers Insurance Co- \$12728, 39703 - B & M Recognition- \$91.6, 39704 - Basting, Peter Phillip- \$4151.14, 39705 - Bell Insurance- \$73, 39706 - Bob Barker Company- \$818.81, 39707 - Bohlman Pest Control- \$75, 39708 - Bud & Ralphs Appliance Service Inc- \$182.25, 39709 - Cass County Sheriff- \$41, 39710 - Chisago County Sheriff- \$120, 39711 - City of Berthold- \$1500, 39712 - City of Grand Forks-Fire Dept- \$2720.16, 39713 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$10348.81, 39714 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$1328.9, 39715 - Comfort Inn-Bismarck- \$172.8, 39716 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 39717 - Dell-Comm Inc- \$850, 39718 - Detectachem, Inc- \$74.82, 39719 - Development Homes- \$145, 39720 - Diamond Cleaning Supply- \$24.95, 39721 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$101.96, 39722 - Englehart, Chad- \$18, 39723 - Enterprise Rent A Car- \$150, 39724 - Expressway Suites-Grand Forks- \$77.95, 39725 - Fastenal- \$62.23, 39726 - First Collections Inc- \$245.61, 39727 - Fladland, Nicholas- \$99.44, 39728 - Fleming Makayla- \$146.16, 39729 - Forum Communications - Fargo- \$330.48, 39730 - Foster County Sheriff- \$375, 39731 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$1580.66, 39732 - GF Public Health Department- \$47682.42, 39733 - GF Welding & Machine- \$168.34, 39734 - Grand Forks Herald- \$294.2, 39735 - Greatamerica Financial Svcs- \$1455.64, 39736 - Hampton Inn-Bismarck- \$172.8, 39737 - Hugo's #2- \$70.51, 39738 - Hugo's #6- \$25.7, 39739 - Indepth Inspections- \$2291.67, 39740 - Kutak Rock Llp- \$1020, 39741 - Laboratory Corporation of America Holdin- \$89.25, 39742 - Lentz, Heather- \$8, 39743 - Little Keepers.- \$1837.28, 39744 - Lommen Kathy- \$150, 39745 - Lowe's- \$121.19, 39746 - Lunseth Plumbing & Heating- \$354.62, 39747 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$2464.1, 39748 - Mattison Carmell- \$324.1, 39749 - Menards- \$68.97, 39750 - Midcontinent Communications- \$4964.04, 39751 - Mountain-Plains Youth Services- \$3960, 39752 - Mutch Oil Co- \$4393.11, 39753 - Mutch Oil Company- \$437.8, 39754 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$36276.18, 39755 - ND Attorney General- 3376.39, 39756 - ND Center For 4-H- \$240, 39757 - ND Child Support- \$125.45, 39758 - ND County Commissioners Assoc- \$1650, 39759 - ND Dept of Health/Microbiology- \$50, 39760 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$794, 39761 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$314, 39762 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$220, 39763 - ND DHS Finance Dept- \$4849.31, 39764 - NDACO/Ceg- \$200, 39765 - NDEAFCS- \$115, 39766 –

NDEMA- \$135, 39767 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 3110- \$430.19, 39768 - NDSU-6050 Dept 3110- \$0.12, 39769 - Nelson International- \$1107.24, 39770 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$222.62, 39771 - North Iowa K-9- \$2500, 39772 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$301.8, 39773 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$574.79, 39774 - Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$195.02, 39775 - Pbs Learning Institute Inc- \$5000, 39776 - Polk County Sheriff- \$55, 39777 - Quality Inn-Bismarck- \$86.4, 39778 - Schmitz Inc- \$4647.5, 39779 - Sherman Jodi- \$84, 39780 - Streichers- \$14.99, 39781 - Surplus Center Inc.- \$13, 39782 - Thermal Air LLC- \$398.95, 39783 - Thur-O-Clean- \$485, 39784 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$145.18, 39785 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$63.69, 39786 - Towner County Sheriff- \$925, 39787 - Vanguard Appraisals Inc- \$2160, 39788 - Verizon Wireless- \$137.39, 39789 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$170, 39790 - Vonasek, Adam J- \$20.75, 39791 - Walls Medicine Center- \$8.53, 39792 - Walsh County Clerk of Court- \$500, 39793 - Walsh, Whitney R - \$438.48, 39794 - Weigel, Ann Sophie- \$50, 39795 - Zuger, Kirmis & Smith- \$88, 39796 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$97926.49 and ACH payments to - Advanced Business Methods - \$291.08, - All Pro Embroidery - \$638, - Allstream - \$64.25, - Benefit Extras Inc - \$1112.25, - Blue360 Media - \$1237.52, - Border States Electric Supply - \$715.68, - Business Essentials - \$91.4, - Butler Machinery Company - \$1324.93, - C L Linfoot Company - \$1990, - Cole Paper Inc. - \$2622.56, - Community Violence Interventio - \$9369.95, - Culinex (Plexus Company) - \$102.62, - Dakota Fire Protection - \$450, - Dietzler Electric LLC - \$5415, - Galls An Aramark Company - \$675, - Global Safety Network - \$457.7, - Greater GF Fair & Exhibition - \$2014.95, - Interstate Power Systems Inc - \$741.04, - Interstate Towing & Recovery - \$150.48, - Johnson Controls - \$483, - Keith's Security World - \$761, - KLJ - \$10398.7, - Phoenix Supply - \$1621.57, - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc - \$6031.11, - Schuman Law Office - \$4100, - Soeby Molly - \$7.62, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc - \$248.65, - Summit Food Services LLC - \$15300.61, - Telelanguage Inc - \$204.13, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company - \$50.28, - UND Forensic Pathology - \$6662.5, - Valley Truck - \$80.99, - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$359.84, - US Bank - Cm-9705 - St Paul - \$52362.49; employee status changes for Theodore Krmpotich, Veronica Harvey and Seferino Hernandez; overtime, County Deeds on parcel numbers 44-1101-00275-000, 44-1206-00228-000 and 43-3115-00090-004 and Beer and Liquor License for the Hitching Post Bar and Grill. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Rost, to approve the VM Findley Consulting, LLC 2022 contract extension with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

George Schlossberg, Kutak Rock, LLC, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the Grand Sky subleases for InnoVets Grand Sky MT1, LLC and Grand Sky Airfield Operations, LLC and to authorize Mr. Schlossberg to forward the subleases to the Air Force Civil Engineering Center (AFCEC) for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to move forward with a Construction Manager at Risk RFP on the County Correctional Facility Expansion/Juvenile Detention Center Project based on the following determinations:

1. That is in the best interest of the public to utilize the construction manager at-risk public improvement delivery method.

2. That the construction manager at-risk planning and design phase services will not duplicate services normally provided by an architect or engineer.
3. That the construction manager at-risk construction services will be in addition to and not duplicate the services provided for in the architect and engineer contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Rost, to approve the ICS Inc County Office Building and Courthouse Safety Project Change Order of a \$10,000 deduct, with the Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Swanson, Public Health Director, gave a COVID-19 update.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to approve the 2022 Social Detox Facility Funding Agreement with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Knauf, to approve an agreement with Red River Regional Council, with the Chair's signature, to complete a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for a home buyout in Arvilla. Grand Forks County will be a pass-through entity and will assume no financial responsibility. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Grand Forks County and Mark Pierce with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board regarding the Juvenile Detention Center and Attendant Care.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, Haley Wamstad, State Attorney and Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director addressed the board regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) premium pay.

Sheriff Schneider said the ARPA premium pay should also apply to the six-support staff at the Sheriff's Department because they meet the criteria of essential workers.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Engen, to approve premium pay for the six-support staff at the Sheriff's Department because they meet the criteria outlined and allow other departments to make a request for premium pay. Motion failed with Pic, Falck and Knauf voting nay and Rost and Engen voting aye.

Moved by Falck, seconded by Engen, to move forward with the selection of a Home Rule Charter Committee at the next Commission Meeting on December 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Falck, to approve the following precincts for the 2022 elections:

- (1) Part of Grand Forks and Walle Townships, east of I29
- (5) Manvel City, and part of Ferry and Turtle River Twps, east of 18th St NE and Part of Falconer Township, east of I29

- (10) Gilby City, Inkster City, Agnes, Elkmount, Gilby, Inkster, Johnstown, Strabane and Wheatfield Townships
- (11) Larimore City Ward I, II, III, Niagara City, Arvilla, Elm Grove, Hegton, Larimore, Moraine, Niagara, Plymouth Twps
- (12) Lakeville, Levant, part of Ferry and part of Turtle River Townships (Part of Ferry and Turtle River Twps west of 18th St NE)
- (13) Northwood City, Avon, Grace, Lind, Logan Center, Loretta and Northwood Twps
- (14) Emerado City, Chester, Oakville, Pleasant View and part of Mekinock Twps (Mekinock Twp west of 28th St NE)
- (15) Thompson City, Reynolds City, Allendale, Americus, Bentru, Fairfield, Michigan, Union, Washington Twps and part of Walle Twp (Part of Walle Twp west of I29)
- (16) Part of Mekinock Township, east of 28th St NE, GFAFB, Blooming, Rye, Brenna Townships and part of Falconer and Grand Forks Townships, west of I29. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks County Election Security Plan & Logic and Accuracy Testing policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Falck, to approve the purchase of a video camera for the election equipment storage room. Motion carried unanimously.

Haley Wamstad, State's Attorney, informed the board there will be a Special Commission Meeting on December 21, 2021 at 2:30pm for Opioid Litigation Settlement.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to set the County Board of Equalization for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Thomas H. Falck, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor