

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 1, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, 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 # 40517 - Cole Paper Inc.- \$27, 40518 - US Postal Service- \$10, 40519 - Walsh County Clerk of Court- \$663, 40520 - Aflac Group- \$351.58, 40521 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$639.02, 40522 - DCI Credit Service Inc- \$351.99, 40523 - Florida State Disbursement Unit- \$163.39, 40524 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$110, 40525 - Infoarmor, Inc- \$272.7, 40526 - Medico Life and Health Insurance Co- \$134, 40527 - ND F.O.P.- \$650, 40528 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$156.53, 40529 - US Able Life- \$49.08, 40530 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$70.62, 40531 - Accurate Controls- \$39105.65, 40532 - Active Parenting Publishers Inc- \$316.97, 40533 - Advance Auto Parts- \$58, 40534 - Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.- \$1847.2, 40535 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$323, 40536 - Anderson Donna- \$49.46, 40537 - Auto Glass & Aftermarket- \$544, 40538 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$3238.5, 40539 - Canon Financial Services- \$39.29, 40540 - CDW Government- \$14237.41, 40541 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$6460.32, 40542 - Community Service Program- \$1420, 40543 - Cota, Jerome A- \$1413.06, 40544 - Deere Credit Inc- \$26462.77, 40545 - Development Homes- \$253.75, 40546 - Diamond Cleaning Supply- \$179.9, 40547 - Empowered Solutions LLC- \$96.8, 40548 - Enterprise Rent-A-Car- \$82.46, 40549 - Expressway Suites-Grand Forks- \$439.75, 40550 - First Collections Inc- \$61.14, 40551 - First Collections Inc- \$372.2, 40552 - First Collections Inc- \$486.2, 40553 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1000, 40554 - GF Public Health Department- \$130225.42, 40555 - GF Welding & Machine- \$1075.27, 40556 - Gregory J Norman Funeral Home- \$4600, 40557 - Indepth Inspections- \$2291.67, 40558 - Information Systems Corporatio- \$1085, 40559 - Information Technology Dept- \$2479.05, 40560 - Integrity Homecare and Counseling- \$261.43, 40561 - Knutson Carrie- \$72.54, 40562 - Knutson Printing Co- \$256.53, 40563 - Kronos Saashr Inc- \$529.99, 40564 - Kutak Rock Llp- \$977.5, 40565 - Landeis Farm- \$696.25, 40566 - Landeis, Katelyn- \$344.36, 40567 - Lexipol LLC- \$606, 40568 - Little Falls Machine Inc- \$3805.34, 40569 - Little Keepers.- \$443.88, 40570 - Lommen Kathy- \$200, 40571 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$8588.58, 40572 - Marco Technologies LLC- \$3233, 40573 - Matthew Bender & Co Inc.- \$412.01, 40574 - Menards- \$99.99, 40575 - Midcontinent Communications- \$4501.14, 40576 - Mutch Oil Co- \$5593.96, 40577 - Mutch Oil Company- \$1398.5, 40578 - ND County Recorder's Assoc- \$500, 40579 - NDEMA- \$50, 40580 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 3110- \$343.46, 40581 - Nelson International- \$1726.5, 40582 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$429.5, 40583 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$755.09, 40584 - Olson Michelle- \$45, 40585 - Ottetail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$700.25, 40586 - Polk County Sheriff- 150.32, 40587 - Red River Welders Supply- \$84, 40588 - Safe Kids- \$210, 40589 - Seeba Beth A- \$50.79, 40590 - Shook, Patricia E- \$150, 40591 - Stalker Radar- \$8765, 40592 - Stauss, Jacob M - \$70, 40593 - Streichers- \$2402.99, 40594 - Swanson & Warcup, Ltd- \$25157.95, 40595 - Tech Check, LLC- \$1590, 40596 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$2016, 40597 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$68, 40598 - Tyler Technologies Inc- \$44893.48, 40599 - Verizon Wireless- \$137.54, 40600 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$3164.86, 40601 - Vilandre- \$126.25, 40602 - Walbaum, Nathan- \$70, 40603 - Walsh, Whitney R - \$150.9, 40604 -

Wosick, Kari- \$300, and ACH payment to - Advanced Business Methods - \$139, - Agweek - \$64, - All Embracing Home Care LLC - \$202.71, - Allstate Peterbilt - \$201.44, - Allstream - \$63.83, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC - \$2365.6, - Auto Value Or Larimore - \$14.78, - Benefit Extras Inc - \$1108.75, - Butler Machinery Company - \$5983.3, - Cintas - \$181.6, - Cole Paper Inc. - \$214, - Docu Shred Inc - \$80.26, - Gorilla Office Supplies - \$614.48, - Home Care Companions - \$202.71, - Home of Economy - \$928.12, - Interstate Power Systems Inc - \$2821.45, - Interstate Towing & Recovery - \$3264.36, - Orchard Oil Co - \$2111.4, - Phoenix Supply - \$375.63, - Ps Door Services - \$605.87, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800 - \$3372.8, - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc - \$1806.5, - Sterling Carpet One Floor&Home - \$3040.05, - Summit Food Services LLC - \$7928.22, - Telelanguage Inc - \$180.29, - Titan Machinery-GF - \$191.04, - UND Forensic Pathology - \$6662.5, - Valley Truck - \$57.24, - Wonder Years - \$531; employee status changes for Aaron Mehling, Trokon Williams and Kyle Bagley; overtime; beer and liquor licenses for Larimore Golf Club; and game of chance permit for ND Shooting Sports Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Dulitz, Public Health COVID-19 Data/Analytics Leader, gave a COVID-19 update.

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to appoint Leah Ista to the Emergency Management Board for a two-year term. The term will begin on March 4, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Knauf presented the Highway Department's request to purchase a pickup.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to accept the low bid from Nelson Auto Center for a Ford F150 and publicly auction truck #9. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to accept the quote from Weivoda Carpet Girl, Inc for \$56,852.54 to replace the carpet in the second floor offices in the County Office Building, with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to accept the quote from Ye Ol Painters, Ltd for \$12,450 to repaint the second floor of the County Office Building, with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Engen, seconded by Knauf, to accept the quote from Vasek Construction, Inc for \$62,678 to remodel the bathrooms on the first floor of the County Office Building, with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Engen, to accept the quote from Vilandre for \$3,347 each to replace the water fountains on 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th floors of the County Office Building, with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Thiel, Human Resource Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Engen, to designate Juneteenth as a recognized unpaid holiday for Grand Forks County.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to establish the following voting places for the 2022 Elections: Alerus Center Voting Center, ICON Arena/Park District Office Voting Center, Home of Economy Voting Center and Holy Family Voting Center, Gilby Presbyterian Church, Larimore Senior Center, Manvel Public School, Northwood Community Center, Thompson Community Center and Emerado City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Rost, to appoint the following to serve as inspectors for the June 14, 2022 and November 8, 2022 Elections: Diane Fossum, Early Voting Precinct, Deana Mayotte, Alerus Center Voting Center, Debbie Grinde, Home of Economy Voting Center, Jane Traub, ICON Arena/Park District Office Voting Center, Laura Munski, Holy Family Voting Center, Amber Gudajtes, June 14, 2022 Absentee Ballot Precinct, and Whitney Walsh, November 8, 2022 Absentee Ballot Precinct. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to increase the hourly rate to \$15 per hour for Judges and Clerks and \$18 Inspectors, effective for the 2022 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to set the polling hours for all polling sites in Grand Forks County to 7:00am to 7:00pm for the 2022 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the following change to the mask mandate for county buildings. Masks will now be optional for county buildings with the exception of the Grand Forks County Correctional Center, Juvenile Detention and the Grand Forks County Human Service Zone which are to follow the direction of their director. This policy change will take effect March 2, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to allow Northeast Human Service Center to make security upgrades to the reception area on 4th floor of the County Office Building. Grand Forks County will pay the sole quote received on the project from Vasek Construction for \$41,895 and will be reimbursed by NE Human Service Center for all costs of the project. The State's Attorney will draft a Memorandum of Understanding before the project begins. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to approve the recommendation of the Home Rule Charter Committee to seek proposals to conduct a survey of Grand Forks County residents regarding Home Rule. Motion carried with Falck, Rost, Engen and Pic voting aye and Knauf voting nay.

Motion by Engen, seconded by Pic, to appoint Commissioner Rost to a two-year term to the Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Policy Board, effective April 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:28pm. The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Thomas H. Falck, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor