

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 16, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 County Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #46270 - Credit Bureau of Bismarck Inc- \$13.63, 46271 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$230.18, 46272 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$560, 46273 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$167.74, 46274 - Aaker, Shosti- \$218.12, 46275 - Agassiz Water Users District- \$55.14, 46276 - Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.- \$2394, 46277 - Altru Clinic Pharmacy- \$6, 46278 - Amundson Funeral & Cremation Service- \$10500, 46279 - At & T Mobility- \$107.75, 46280 - Auto Glass & Aftermarket- \$589, 46281 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$7020.5, 46282 - Bell Insurance- \$466554.13, 46283 - Bethea, Jennifer- \$1250, 46284 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mn- \$1163.56, 46285 - Bob Barker Company- \$2347.94, 46286 - C & R Laundry- \$7724.4, 46287 - Capfirst Equipment Finance Inc- \$36388.73, 46288 - Chi St Alexius Health- \$382, 46289 - CHS Inc - Warren- \$4860.6, 46290 - City of Grand Forks- \$32521.39, 46291 - City of Grand Forks-Fire Dept- \$538.82, 46292 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$2633.38, 46293 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$7816.1, 46294 - Coast To Coast Computer Products- \$489.96, 46295 - Community Service Program- \$1280, 46296 - Dictationproducts.Com- \$3097, 46297 - East Central Regional Water District- \$66.2, 46298 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$110.12, 46299 - Egstad Rachel R- \$389.6, 46300 - Engen David A- \$365.68, 46301 - Enterprise Fm Trust- \$18309.68, 46302 - Fessler, Katrina- \$57.95, 46303 - First Collections Inc- \$235, 46304 - First Collections Inc- \$835.05, 46305 - First Collections Inc- \$178.76, 46306 - First Collections Inc- \$1291.86, 46307 - Fleming Makayla- \$22.27, 46308 - Forum Communications- \$1380.48, 46309 - Fridgen Jennifer Tufte- \$380.92, 46310 - Germundson Kress- \$90.39, 46311 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$25603.21, 46312 - GF Welding & Machine- \$69.54, 46313 - GFCVAC- \$17680, 46314 - Hennepin Co Sheriff Dept- \$80, 46315 - High Point Networks, LLC- \$243, 46316 - Hugo's #5- \$84.98, 46317 - Information Technology Dept- \$2798.4, 46318 - Johnson Controls Fire Protection Lp- \$8975, 46319 - Jund, Kathryn- \$231.59, 46320 - Kimball Midwest- \$42.99, 46321 - Klose, Desirae- \$118.56, 46322 - Kooser Counseling Services- \$60, 46323 - Landeis, Katelyn- \$307.85, 46324 - Leads Online- \$4442, 46325 - Lee, Jayson- \$155.89, 46326 - Lexipol LLC- \$5623.71, 46327 - Linde Gas & Equipment Inc- \$74.3, 46328 - Little Keepers.- \$303.3, 46329 - Loffler- \$42.58, 46330 - M & K Porta Potties- \$175, 46331 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$2818.88, 46332 - Marco -Tx- \$692.24, 46333 - Marco Technologies LLC- \$417.83, 46334 - Menards- \$277.94, 46335 - Nat'l Association of Counties- \$1337, 46336 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$800, 46337 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$600, 46338 - ND Dept of Transportation- \$58154.19, 46339 - ND DHHS Finance Dept- \$47, 46340 - ND One Call Inc- \$1.3, 46341 - ND State Radio Communications- \$1800, 46342 - ND State Tax Commissioner- \$321.53, 46343 - NDACE- \$550, 46344 - Nelson Auto-Grand Forks- \$312.59, 46345 - Nelson International- \$59.34, 46346 - Nilson Brand Law- \$6410.88, 46347 - Norman Funeral Home- \$7000, 46348 - Northern Laundry Systms Serv & Sales- \$2163.55, 46349 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$8.84, 46350 - NSC Minerals Ltd-

\$3491.46, 46351 - O'Brien, Karlee- \$491.25, 46352 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$38.88, 46353 - Otteson Scott M- \$30.95, 46354 - Pension Administration- \$398.25, 46355 - Pomp's Tire Service Inc.- \$275.72, 46356 - Premium Waters, Inc- \$39.19, 46357 - Probitas Promotions- \$953, 46358 - Propio Ls, LLC- \$134.1, 46359 - Quadient Leasing USA, Inc- \$205.26, 46360 - Rainbow Bridge- \$397.8, 46361 - Sandness, Courtney- \$33.47, 46362 - Sanford- \$356, 46363 - Schumacher, Sydney M - \$93.67, 46364 - Seeba Beth A- \$24.25, 46365 - Soaring Eagle Therapeutic Services- \$2005.09, 46366 - Stalker Radar- \$12002.5, 46367 - Storkson, Elisabeth- \$132.97, 46368 - Suedel Amy- \$12.45, 46369 - The Chamber of Commerce-GF- \$970, 46370 - Thomson West- \$2118.94, 46371 - Tic Inc- \$744, 46372 - Topcon Positioning Systems Inc- \$288, 46373 - Torkelson, Analisa- \$102.83, 46374 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$192.28, 46375 - Twp of Grand Forks Clk/Treas- \$22151.74, 46376 - Tyler Technologies Inc- \$150, 46377 - Ukg- \$583.63, 46378 - USPS-POC- \$10000, 46379 - Verizon Wireless- \$1927.09, 46380 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$3182.69, 46381 - Wagner, Sidney- \$171.61, 46382 - Wallwork Truck Center Grand Forks- \$325.27, 46383 - Waste Management of Wi-Mn- \$746.67, ACH payments to - All Embracing Home Care LLC - \$202.87, - Amundson Funeral Home - \$3500, - Cintas - \$100, - Vaaler Insurance Inc - \$50, - All Embracing Home Care LLC - \$253.49, - Amundson Funeral Home - \$5800, - Carlson, Pam - \$1517, - Cintas - \$50, - Global Safety Network - \$664.48, - Advanced Business Methods - \$790.47, - All Embracing Home Care LLC - \$164.49, - Bi2 Technologies - \$11507, - Business Essentials - \$32.55, - C L Linfoot Company - \$1072.67, - Carlson, Pam - \$550, - Century Electric Inc. - \$6063.43, - Cole Paper Inc. - \$2328.31, - Community Violence Interventio - \$42735, - Dakota Fire Protection - \$835.59, - Dakota Tv - \$191.72, - Dennie's Delivery Inc - \$522.22, - Diamond Drugs, Inc. - \$379.7, - Farmers Oil Co - \$10000.25, - Global Safety Network - \$144.76, - Gowan Construction - \$912686.5, - High Plains Technology - \$1450, - Home of Economy - \$298.55, - Johnson Controls - \$1700, - Kutak Rock Llp - \$1190, - Marco Technologies LLC - Pa - \$1048.3, - Northdale Oil - \$20299.95, - Orchard Oil Co - \$118.13, - Peru - \$6169.62, - Phoenix Supply - \$1762.4, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800 - \$3641.44, - Rural Psychiatry Associates - \$50, - Stericycle Inc - \$135.7, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc - \$651.28, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company - \$413.38, - Tri-County Water District - \$55.4, - Vaaler Insurance Inc - \$50, - VM Findley Consulting LLC - \$6500, - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$41685.74; employee status changes for Danielle Desjariais, Elizabeth Cote, Antonio Teruel, Javonni Rolle, Mary Ann Lindgren, Aiden Robberstad, Ryan Wadlow, Jacob Stauss, Kress Germundson, Tellena Thom, Alexis Smart, Amanda Trepl and Mitchell Grove; and overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Lund, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation President & CEO gave an organization review.

Tess Wall, Public Health Director and Michael Dulitz, Public Health Opioid Response Coordinator presented the APC Project Syringe Service Program.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to send a letter to Grand Forks City that states, we as the County Commission highly encourage the City of Grand Forks to discontinue the needle exchange program. Motion carried with Rustad, Rost and Hagen voting aye and Engen and Pic voting nay.

There will be a Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on January 29, 2024 at 12:30pm.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the Chair's, State's Attorney's and Auditor's signatures on the NDDOT SC-1800(23) Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the NDDOT BRP-1800(22) Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to solicit for bids for chip sealing approximately 33 miles of CR 1,6, 10, 17 & 19. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Pic, to reject RDO Truck Centers bid for a 6x4 snowplow and readvertise for two plow trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to build a salt storage shed on the Highway Department's lot at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 using the legacy fund disbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to approve the contract with JLG Architects for a Grand Forks County Space Utilization Study with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the following 2023 county budget amendments: 2150 Highway Fund - \$260,000, 2169 FEMA-2022 Spring Flooding - \$5,500, 2170 FEMA-2023 Spring Flooding - \$168,000, 3003 \$5 Million Dome Bank of ND Loan - \$23,000 All funds had offsetting non-budgeted revenues or cash carryforward. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, encouraged all North Dakota homeowners to apply for the Primary Residence credit. You must reside in your primary residence and apply online by March 31, 2024 to get the credit of up to \$500 on your 2024 property tax bill.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Washington Township Agreement for Performance of Assessing Duties with the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rustad, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2024 at 4:00pm.

David A. Engen, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor