

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 4, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 County Commission meeting and the Special Commission meetings of May 22, 2024 and May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #47290 - AAA Collections, Inc.- \$188.26, 47291 - Engen David A- \$258.62, 47292 - Fleming Makayla- \$412.47, 47293 - Ford Tom- \$344.2, 47294 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1500, 47295 - Hesselbart, Justine- \$112, 47296 - Knutson Carrie- \$294.46, 47297 - Landeis, Katelyn- \$270.53, 47298 - Lian, Gracie- \$352.34, 47299 - Michon Tonnes- \$147.18, 47300 - Moen Nathan C- \$99, 47301 - Nadeau, Tammie- \$204.35, 47302 - Ncraao-2024 Conf- \$300, 47303 - Werner, Cara- \$166.34, 47304 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$496.5, 47305 - Credit Bureau of Bismarck Inc- \$27.26, 47306 - First Collections Inc- \$51.06, 47307 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$106, 47308 - Infoarmor, Inc- \$304.7, 47309 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$168.9, 47310 - ND F.O.P.- \$594, 47311 - Rodenburg Law Firm- Fargo- \$560, 47312 - Tx SDU- \$150, 47313 - Wellabe Life and Health Insurance Co.- \$106, 47314 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$113.75, 47315 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$63.13, 47316 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$45.34, 47317 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$87.02, 47318 - Agassiz Water Users District- \$30.84, 47319 - Albrecht Mfg. & Repair Inc.- \$118.5, 47320 - Alternate Force- \$740, 47321 - Altura Health System- \$961, 47322 - Anderson Donna- \$110, 47323 - At & T Mobility- \$149.36, 47324 - Base view Petroleum Inc- \$3173.82, 47325 - Bell Insurance- \$1991, 47326 - Bonham Kevin- \$1580, 47327 - Brady, Martz & Assoc. P.C.- \$22000, 47328 - Canon Financial Services- \$39.29, 47329 - CHS Inc - Warren- \$3643.69, 47330 - Clerk of Circuit Court- Cook County- \$6, 47331 - Diamond Cleaning Supply- \$161.8, 47332 - Election Systems & Software In- \$19510.22, 47333 - Embrace Pharmacy Inc.- \$22159.43, 47334 - Fastenal- \$31.4, 47335 - Fleming Makayla- \$52.23, 47336 - GF Public Health Department- \$199070.99, 47337 - GF Welding & Machine- \$4934.75, 47338 - Grand Sky Construction Company LLC- \$379395.94, 47339 - Guardian Fleet Safety LLC- \$2031.14, 47340 - Interstate Billing- \$300, 47341 - Leon, Jasmine De- \$29.29, 47342 - Lexipol LLC- \$12117.33, 47343 - Linde Gas & Equipment Inc- \$248.71, 47344 - Little Falls Machine Inc- \$316.42, 47345 - Longtine, Heidi Marie- \$27.81, 47346 - McKesson Medical Surgical- \$305.2, 47347 - Menards- \$164.86, 47348 - Midcontinent Communications- \$4352.57, 47349 - Moore, Robert Gene- \$3082.29, 47350 - ND Dept of Health/Microbiology- \$90, 47351 - ND Sheriff's & Deputies Assoc- \$100, 47352 - ND State Treasurer- \$564.03, 47353 - NDSU Ext Serv- \$621.27, 47354 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 3110- \$52.5, 47355 - Network Center, Inc- \$562.5, 47356 - Networking Specialists- \$2370, 47357 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$1382.55, 47358 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$944.18, 47359 - Ottertail Power Co- Devils Lake- \$791.17, 47360 - Polk County Sheriff- \$455.64, 47361 - Pomp's Tire Service Inc.- \$650.33, 47362 - Premium Waters, Inc- \$39.19, 47363 - Sanford- \$371.76, 47364 - Sign Solutions USA, LLC- \$2369.85, 47365 - Structural Materials Inc- \$1632, 47366 - Swanson & Warcup, Ltd- \$8800, 47367 - Symbolarts, LLC- \$2244, 47368 - Team Laboratory Chemical Corp- \$11475, 47369 - The Service Department- \$3275.69, 47370 - Thur-O-Clean- \$1755, 47371 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$68, 47372 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$140.1, 47373 -

Vilandre- \$1019.55, 47374 - Widseth Smith Nolting and Assoc Inc- \$849.25, 47375 - Yorhom Medical Essentials- \$290.39, 47376 - Pitney Bowes Inc- \$10150, and ACH payments to - Gowan Construction - \$8737.92, - US Bank - Cm-9705 - St Paul - \$20423.32, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor - \$271.9, - Advanced Business Methods - \$855.46, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC - \$12329.4, - Balco Uniform Co - \$407.27, - Business Essentials - \$348.59, - Century Electric Inc. - \$4429.13, - Cole Paper Inc. - \$6351.92, - Dakota Tv - \$189.81, - Diamond Drugs, Inc. - \$2415.59, - Dietzler Electric LLC - \$10000, - Docu Shred Inc - \$130.7, - Express Auto Glass - \$701, - Farm & Home Publishers Ltd - \$285, - Home of Economy - \$34.99, - Interstate Towing & Recovery - \$2517.35, - Ironhide Equipment Inc - \$6000, - Keith's Security World - \$890.01, - KLJ - \$79289.49, - Norby's Work Perks - \$48, - Northwest Tire Inc - \$966.24, - Office Depot-Chicago - \$225.31, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800 - \$3135.32, - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc - \$408, - Stein's Inc. - \$342.06, - Stericycle Inc - \$135.7, - Sterling Carpet One Floor&Home - \$412.98, - Summit Food Services LLC - \$27724.98, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company - \$1519.49, - Tri-County Water District - \$57.5, - Truenorth Steel - \$7535.66, - UND Forensic Pathology - \$569.52, - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$15593.18, - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$76343.88; employee status changes for Lauren Griggs, Christopher Peterson, Kelsey Moses, Booklyn Gerwatowski, Justin Parson, Savin Ivanoff, Carson Symanietz and Adrion Hargrove; overtime; game of chance permit for Forx Builders Association; road maintenance agreements; and fireworks permit for Black Powder Fireworks. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to open the Public Hearing on the MIDA Bonds for Spectra Health project. Motion carried unanimously.

No one appeared to make public comment.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to close the Public Hearing on the MIDA Bonds for Spectra Health project. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Wegner, Arntson Stewart Wegner PC, addressed the board via Zoom.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds for the Spectra Health Project, Series 2024. Motion carried on roll call vote with Rost, Rustad, Hagen and Engen voting aye. It appears that the impact and effect of the issue upon existing industry and business will not result in an unfair advantage for the proposed project to the substantial detriment of existing enterprises. Grand Forks County assumes no financial responsibility. The bonds will be subject to an administration fee of 1% of the total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to recess the County Commission Board meeting and to convene the County Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:07pm.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to recess the County Board of Equalization and reconvene the County Commission Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It was 4:18pm.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, Dawn Mandt, Red River Regional Council Executive Director, Keith Lund, GF Regional Economic Development President, Lisa Rotvold, Red River Regional Council and Jake Lanes, Emerado Mayor, addressed the board regarding the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Hagen, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Red River Regional Council and Grand Forks County, a \$20,000 contribution and a letter of support for the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement application. Motion carried with Engen, Hagen and Rost voting aye. Commissioner Rustad recused himself because of a conflict of interest.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, address the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to temporarily suspend the enforcement of state building code until a suitable replacement can be found for building permitting and building inspections. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the bid of \$5,300,434.20 from RJ Zavoral & Sons on the FXS-1838(056) CR 25 Paving Project, with the Chair's signature on the contract, contingent on NDDOT approval and receipt of the Contractors Performance and Payment Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Construction Engineering Contract with KLJ for the FXS-1838(056) project. Motion carried unanimously.

Gracie Lian, Project Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve County Administrator Tom Ford to submit a Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant proposal on behalf of Grand Forks County to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation for non-match grant dollars between \$10 million and \$11 million in order to construct a Fire Station on Grand Sky, and to designate the County Administrator as the submitting official and authorized representative of the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to share in the cost to repair a fence damaged in a winter storm located on the fairgrounds. Grand Forks County will pay fifty percent of the estimated cost of \$11,910 from capital improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the increase parking fees as follows: first and second level parking ramps spots will be \$50 per month, third floor parking ramp fees will be \$25 per month, and the Courthouse parking lot fees will be \$25 per month. All reserved parking spots are M-F, 7:00am – 5:00pm, fleet and residential are 24/7. The new parking fees will be effective when parking fees are reinstated. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rustad, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm. The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 at 4:00pm.

David A. Engen, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor