

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 20, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Hagen, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 County Commission meeting and Special Commission meeting on August 9, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rost, to approve the order of agenda moving the County Engineer after the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Hagen, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #47985 - Dekker, Debbie A - \$280.5, 47986 - Bonham Kevin- \$1540, 47987 - Construction Engineers- \$2892337.86, 47988 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1500, 47989 - Lamoure County Clerk of Dist Court- \$712.5, 47990 - Lian, Gracie- \$72.36, 47991 - Nelson County Clerk of Court- \$200, 47992 - Credit Bureau of Bismarck Inc- \$13.63, 47993 - Credit Collections Bureau - Payroll- \$518.72, 47994 - First Collections Inc- \$51.06, 47995 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$168.9, 47996 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$560, 47997 - State Collection & Disbursement Unit- \$181, 47998 - Tx SDU- \$150, 47999 - Ford Tom- \$339.02, 48000 - GF Public Health Department- \$107553.34, 48001 - Nelson Debbie- \$111.94, 48002 - Swanson & Warcup, Ltd- \$8800, 48003 - Jen Schlaht- \$924.06, 48004 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$30.94, 48005 - 1101 Dental Pllc- \$246, 48006 - Absolute Refrigeration- \$257.57, 48007 - Advance Auto Parts- \$92.69, 48008 - Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.- \$1584.94, 48009 - Altru Retail Pharmacy- \$75.67, 48010 - At & T Mobility- \$149.49, 48011 - Baseview Petroleum Inc- \$5767.05, 48012 - Bell Insurance- \$80, 48013 - Bob Barker Company- \$259.92, 48014 - Business Essentials- \$158.04, 48015 - Capfirst Equipment Finance Inc- \$36388.73, 48016 - CDW Government- \$2260, 48017 - CHS Ag Services- \$4370.11, 48018 - CHS Inc - Warren- \$2978.22, 48019 - Circle of Friends Animal Shelter- \$10000, 48020 - City of Crookston- \$3118.14, 48021 - City of Grand Forks-Fire Dept- \$667.07, 48022 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$3103.16, 48023 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$7358.72, 48024 - Construction Engineers- \$1676778.5, 48025 - Daydreams Specialties- \$57, 48026 - East Central Regional Water District- \$76.96, 48027 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$595.08, 48028 - Eide Bailly Llp- \$1450, 48029 - Enterprise Fm Trust- \$19361.13, 48030 - Galls-St Louis- \$239.51, 48031 - GF Public Health Department- \$496.76, 48032 - GF Welding & Machine- \$112389.82, 48033 - Grand Trailer Sales LLC- \$4899, 48034 - Hawkins, Isabelle- \$51.08, 48035 - Icon Architectural Group- \$23105.25, 48036 - Information Technology Dept- \$573.7, 48037 - Interstate Billing- \$350.83, 48038 - JLG Architects- \$9875, 48039 - Johnson Publishing- \$44, 48040 - Linde Gas & Equipment Inc- \$120.5, 48041 - Loffler- \$59.36, 48042 - M & K Porta Potties- \$150, 48043 - Manthei Diane J- \$18.75, 48044 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$1752.32, 48045 - Marco -Tx- \$692.24, 48046 - Marnitz & Associates Insurance Inc- \$420, 48047 - McKesson Medical Surgical- \$539.98, 48048 - Menards- \$192.55, 48049 - Miller Dunwiddie- \$2789.31, 48050 - ND Assoc of Counties (NDACO)- \$63, 48051 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$375, 48052 - ND Dept of Health/Microbiology- \$160, 48053 - ND Dept of Transportation- \$33950.33, 48054 - ND Ntnl Gd Camp Grafton Billeting- \$216, 48055 - NDSU Ext Serv- \$560.25, 48056 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 7510- \$33986.04, 48057 - Nalco First Aid Inc- \$55.52, 48058 - Nilson Brand Law- \$2025, 48059 - Nodak Electric Coop- \$378.97, 48060 - Nomadmn- \$2235, 48061 - Northern Plumbing Supply- \$1149.63, 48062 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$551.92, 48063 - O'Reilly Auto Parts #3280-Grand Forks- \$62.15, 48064 - Penn, Carmen-

\$29.13, 48065 - Pharm Chem Inc- \$127.8, 48066 - Polk County Sheriff- \$195.32, 48067 - Pomp's Tire Service Inc.- \$1570.74, 48068 - Precision Concrete Cutting- \$5885, 48069 - Premium Waters, Inc- \$22.59, 48070 - Rakoczy Brandon- \$112, 48071 - Red River Welders Supply- \$178.6, 48072 - Restoration Systems Inc- \$166900.37, 48073 - Schmitz Inc- \$157985, 48074 - Solarski Kimberly- \$305.25, 48075 - Structural Materials Inc- \$738.46, 48076 - Superb Services- \$18211.56, 48077 - Thomson West- \$2118.94, 48078 - Tic Inc- \$759, 48079 - Titan Machinery-Northwood- \$19.68, 48080 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$705.27, 48081 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$3266.18, 48082 - Wallwork Truck Center Grand Forks- \$78.78, 48083 - Waste Management of Wi-Mn- \$741.87, 48084 - Western Dakota Energy- \$500, 48085 - Whalens Inc- \$3165, 48086 - Wilbur Ellis Company- \$1788.4, 48087 - Zavoral R J & Sons Inc.- \$1369456.46, 48088 - Aaker, Shosti- \$240.97, 48089 - Allina Health System- \$189.33, 48090 - Amundson Funeral & Cremation Service- \$14000, 48091 - Berg Tricia Mackenzie- \$297.77, 48092 - CI Linfoot- \$136.64, 48093 - Cote, Elizabet- \$408.8, 48094 - Desjarlais Danielle- \$115.91, 48095 - Engstrom, Anna M- \$472.35, 48096 - Express Employment Professionals- \$340, 48097 - Fridgen Jennifer Tufte- \$738.61, 48098 - Hawkins, Isabelle- \$123.95, 48099 - Holcomb, Laurie- \$285.08, 48100 - Information Technology Dept- \$407.74, 48101 - Knain Jolaine- \$35.51, 48102 - Labcorp- \$190, 48103 - Little Keepers.- \$366.28, 48104 - Mecham, Kari- \$307, 48105 - Myles Kami Jo- \$79.01, 48106 - ND Dept of Human Services- \$41.25, 48107 - Nesdahl, Melissa- \$147.4, 48108 - Nygaard-Koplin Dawn- \$104.13, 48109 - O'Brien, Karlee- \$121.74, 48110 - Petersen, Faith- \$79.06, 48111 - Razmyslowski, Sheila- \$305.52, 48112 - Rechow, Jaylyn- \$57.62, 48113 - Redwood Toxicology Laboratory- \$645.69, 48114 - Sandberg Jennifer- \$8.04, 48115 - Sanford- \$229, 48116 - Schmidt & Associates- \$500, 48117 - Suedel Amy- \$160.48, 48118 - Valley Vision Clinic- \$290, 48119 - Van Beek Traci- \$397.02, 48120 - Vasichek Autumn- \$184.87, 48121 - Wagner, Sidney- \$105.86, 48122 - YMCA - Grand Forks- \$872, ACH payments to - Grand Sky Research LLC- \$325345.12, - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$41927.32, - Grand Sky Construction Company LLC- \$56833.68, - UND Forensic Pathology- \$15593.18, - Grand Sky Research LLC- \$292551.01, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor- \$248.95, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor- \$59.97, - Advanced Business Methods- \$132.36, - All Embracing Home Care LLC- \$394.71, - Balco Uniform Co- \$210.36, - Balco Uniform Co- \$950, - Border States Electric Supply- \$150, - Border States Electric Supply- \$77.6, - Cintas- \$50, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$198.48, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$836.98, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$3747.85, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$308.35, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$1029.58, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$115.5, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$1086, - Cole Paper Inc.- \$3836.34, - Custom Aire Inc- \$683.5, - Dahl Funeral Home- \$3500, - Dennie's Delivery Inc- \$120, - Dennie's Delivery Inc- \$160.27, - Dietzler Electric LLC- \$818.65, - Express Auto Glass- \$763, - Farmers Oil Co- \$5692.5, - Farmers Oil Co- \$2227.5, - Global Safety Network- \$547.99, - Greater GF Community Service- \$1945, - Home of Economy- \$114.24, - Johnson Controls- \$1529.85, - Johnson Controls- \$1624.25, - Keith's Security World- \$150, - Keith's Security World- \$18, - Keith's Security World- \$413, - KLJ- \$8155.09, - KLJ- \$41532.68, - KLJ- \$2312.43, - Marco Technologies LLC - Pa- \$1048.3, - Northdale Oil- \$673.6, - Northdale Oil- \$247.8, - Northdale Oil- \$627, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$48.25, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$34.31, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$63.25, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$427.99, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$48.25, - Northwest Tire Inc- \$34.31, - Phoenix Supply- \$856.6, - Phoenix Supply- \$111.07, - Phoenix Supply- \$776.92, - Polk County DAC- \$130.7, - Propio Ls, LLC- \$692.85, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800- \$1903.28, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$350, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$89.78, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$5521.18, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$24.06, - Rydell Chevrolet- \$767.92, - Sound Decision- \$5754.69, - Sterling Carpet One Floor&Home- \$683.13, - Sterling Carpet One Floor&Home- \$535.35, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$1459.94, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$156.25, - Stones Mobile Radio Inc- \$651.28, - Tecta America- \$1244.87, - Titan Machinery-GF- \$2287, - Truenorth Steel- \$14058.8, - Xcel Energy - Mpls- \$1125.26 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$53,208.78; employee status changes for Brian Malaterre, Holden McGreevy, Zavier Ripplinger, Dennis Buck, Heather Dumas, Frank Pokrzywinski, Heather Misialek, Lindsey Trotter, Adrianna

Swanberg, Samuel Miedinger, Katherine Fields, Lacey King, Colton Hayes, Julia Kochanowski, Sidney Wagner, Jaxon Bergum, Laura Spurgeon and Leah Johnson; overtime; July financial report; and out-of-state travel for Bret Burkholder. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Hagen, to approve the proposed structure replacement concept and cost share agreement as presented and approve the KLJ contract for preliminary and design services up to \$361,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. West will negotiate with the landowners, and he will present the scope of work to the Commission prior to significant dollars being spent on the KLJ contract.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Cost Participation, Construction, and Maintenance Amendment Agreement for Project No. BRP-BRC-1800(022). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. West informed the board of a state initiative to reduce the burden on counties and have NDDOT take over some county roads.

Brittany Blake, Altru Health Systems, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Grand Forks County and Altru Health Systems for the 340B Drug Pricing Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Feland, Grand Forks City Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to submit an Economic Disaster Administration Disaster Relief Funding grant application for road improvements on 70th avenue between Hwy 81 (North Washington) & N 69th Street to serve new value-added agricultural processor. Motion carried unanimously. Grand Forks City will be responsible for the cost share required by the grant.

Bob Wilkerson addressed the board regarding how his property is zoned.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

The Commission directed Mr. Wilkerson and others effected by the zoning classification to meet with Mr. Magnuson, complete a rezoning request and have their issue presented at the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

Bill Kvasager, 7026 17th Ave S, addressed the board regarding wind turbine blades being transported past his house that have been tearing the road up for the last four or five years.

Tom Ford will request a meeting with the EDC, LM Wind Power, the turbine blade transporter, the Brenna Township Chairman, Highway Patrol, Bill Kvasager and Jim Lunski regarding the concerns with the turbine blade transport.

Cheryl Osowski, Red River Regional Council, introduced Haylee Viger.

Haylee Viger, ND Department of Agriculture, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with Grand Forks County and Red River Regional Council for purpose of Regional Livestock Planning Grant acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board regarding the JLG Space Study.

There will be an Administrative Services Committee at 2:30pm on September 3, 2024 to discuss the Space Study.

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

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Pic, to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Alerus Center, October 29 – November 2, 2024, the hours will be 10:00am – 6:00pm Tuesday thru Friday and 10:00am – 2:00pm on Saturday. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Hagen, to establish an Absentee Ballot Precinct for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Pic, to rescind the Subrecipient Monitoring Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Johnson Controls Multi-Building Controls Retrofit Proposal for \$1,030,300 contingent upon approval by the State's Attorney. Motion carried unanimously. The cost was reduced to \$965,330.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Chair's signatures on two ND Department of Transportation grants for Safe Kids Grand Forks. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on a Letter of Support to the NDDOT regarding the intersection of US Highway 2 and Grand Forks County Road 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rustad acknowledged and thanked Tom Ford for his long hours and hard work on the intersection project.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rustad, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:58pm. The next meeting will be held on September 3, 2024 at 4:00pm.

David A. Engen, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor