

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 County Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rost, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check # 48446 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$3000, 48447 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$10150, 48448 - Vilandre- \$160, 48449 - Walsh, Whitney R - \$518.47, 48450 - Credit Bureau of Bismarck Inc- \$176.22, 48451 - First Collections Inc- \$530.38, 48452 - Infoarmor, Inc- \$313.65, 48453 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$287.66, 48454 - Montana CSSD SDU- \$196.99, 48455 - Pa SCDU- \$330, 48456 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$560, 48457 - State Collection & Disbursement Unit- \$181, 48458 - Tx SDU- \$150, 48459 - City of Northwood (Hwy)- \$36.43, 48460 - Aaker, Shosti- \$295.47, 48461 - Agassiz Water Users District- \$30.74, 48462 - Altru Health System (978)- \$20005.87, 48463 - Amazon Capital Services- \$40.88, 48464 - Amundson Funeral & Cremation Service- \$10500, 48465 - Auto Glass & Aftermarket- \$479, 48466 - Berg Tricia Mackenzie- \$281.4, 48467 - Bergum, Jaxon- \$48.91, 48468 - Bob Barker Company- \$958.92, 48469 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$77.94, 48470 - Burkholder Bret- \$556.4, 48471 - Canon Financial Services- \$39.29, 48472 - Capfirst Equipment Finance Inc- \$36388.73, 48473 - CDW Government- \$218.44, 48474 - Center For Innovative Change LLC- \$500, 48475 - Chatham, Heather- \$500, 48476 - CHS Inc - Warren- \$2029.3, 48477 - City of Crookston- \$1083.56, 48478 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$164.58, 48479 - City of Grand Forks-Water- \$9142.44, 48480 - Column Software PBC- \$10.64, 48481 - Community Service Program- \$2185, 48482 - Construction Engineers- \$1637447.54, 48483 - Cote, Elizabet- \$191.62, 48484 - Desjarlais Danielle- \$153.56, 48485 - Dudgeon, Mark- \$135, 48486 - East Central Regional Water District- \$68.07, 48487 - Ecolab Pest Elimination Div- \$314.82, 48488 - Egstad Rachel R- \$242.4, 48489 - Eide Bailly Llp- \$1450, 48490 - Enterprise Fm Trust- \$22518.01, 48491 - Essig Megan J- \$28, 48492 - Forum Communications- \$176, 48493 - Fridgen Jennifer Tufte- \$203.68, 48494 - GF Cnty 4-H Organization- \$291.45, 48495 - GF Welding & Machine- \$2439.03, 48496 - Hawkins, Isabelle- \$21.44, 48497 - Impressions Gifts & Creative Services- \$1238, 48498 - Information Technology Dept- \$982.92, 48499 - Johnson Publishing- \$35.2, 48500 - Johnson, Leah- \$203.68, 48501 - Kendall, Laura- \$269.82, 48502 - Knain Jolaine- \$112.82, 48503 - Knight Printing- \$1127.43, 48504 - Kuenzel Kelly- \$71.36, 48505 - Lanes Jacob- \$933, 48506 - Lee, Jayson- \$118.59, 48507 - Live Well Solutions- \$1688.4, 48508 - Long, Kateri R - \$118.59, 48509 - M & K Porta Potties- \$150, 48510 - Manvel Oil Coop- \$4535.91, 48511 - Marco -Tx- \$692.24, 48512 - Marco Technologies LLC- \$366.38, 48513 - McKesson Medical Surgical- \$806.28, 48514 - Medipurpose Inc.- \$320, 48515 - Memorial Park Cemetery- \$1000, 48516 - Menards- \$162.56, 48517 - Misialek, Heather- \$200, 48518 - ND Dept of Corrections & Rehab- \$450, 48519 - ND Dept of Environmental Quality- \$130, 48520 - ND Dept of Health-Vital Record- \$80, 48521 - ND State Radio Communications- \$1800, 48522 - ND State Tax Commissioner- \$407.23, 48523 - NDAO- \$135, 48524 - Nesdaal, Melissa- \$190.95, 48525 - Nilson Brand Law- \$4050, 48526 - Norman Funeral Home- \$3500, 48527 - O'Brien, Karlee- \$257.39, 48528 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$120.99, 48529 - O'Reilly Auto Parts #3280-Grand Forks- \$17.04, 48530 - Perreault Michelle- \$6.44, 48531 - Petersen, Faith- \$130.65, 48532 - Polk County Sheriff- \$120.16, 48533 - Pomp's

Tire Service Inc.- \$188.37, 48534 - Premium Waters, Inc- \$39.19, 48535 - Propio Ls, LLC- \$692.36, 48536 - Prudhomme, Nathan- \$276, 48537 - Rakoczy Brandon- \$933, 48538 - Razmyslowski, Sheila- \$290.11, 48539 - Rechow, Jaylyn- \$126.56, 48540 - Restoration Systems Inc- \$505381.19, 48541 - Ron & Nick Adams Farms- \$2633.11, 48542 - Schmitz Inc- \$7075, 48543 - Schulte, Susan- \$10.67, 48544 - Skip's Petroleum- \$244.78, 48545 - Solarski Kimberly- \$93.13, 48546 - Stark, Hallee- \$216.49, 48547 - Streichers- \$1573.88, 48548 - Suedel Amy- \$105.15, 48549 - Superb Services- \$21867.76, 48550 - The Service Department- \$6466, 48551 - Thomson West- \$338.55, 48552 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$220.27, 48553 - True North Equipment- \$390.27, 48554 - US Postmaster By Mail-GF- \$350, 48555 - US Records Midwest- \$7122.91, 48556 - Vasichek Autumn- \$229.81, 48557 - Verizon Wireless - Newark Nj- \$5363.75, 48558 - Veteran Testing & Inspecting, LLC- \$1840, 48559 - Waste Management of Wi-Mn- \$791.97, 48560 - Fleming Makayla- \$36.18, 48561 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$500, 48562 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$2000, 48563 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$500, 48564 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1500, 48565 - Landeis, Katelyn- \$1199.97, ACH payments to - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$41619.86, - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor - \$205.58, - Advanced Business Methods - \$505.31, - All Embracing Home Care LLC - \$440.47, - Allstate Peterbilt - \$82.2, - Anderson Brothers Body Shop LLC - \$1270.2, - Butler Machinery Company - \$9.79, - C L Linfoot Company - \$125, - Century Electric Inc. - \$793, - Charm-Tex - \$213.68, - Allstate Peterbilt - \$73.52, - City of Manvel - \$70, - Cole Paper Inc. - \$910.21, - Dennie's Delivery Inc - \$280, - Farmers Oil Co - \$8117.55, - GF County Historical Society - \$150, - Global Safety Network - \$87.33, - Gowan Construction - \$289044.64, - Intellitech Corporation - \$7657.14, - Interstate Power Systems Inc - \$544.31, - Ironhide Equipment Inc - \$371.99, - Johnson Controls - \$15242.98, - Keith's Security World - \$403.25, - Marco Technologies LLC - Pa - \$1048.3, - Norby's Work Perks - \$48, - North Dakota Eye Clinic - \$79, - Northwest Tire Inc - \$1055.33, - Office Depot-Chicago - \$275.24, - Phoenix Supply - \$602.27, - Polk County DAC - \$63.25, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800 - \$149.55, - Rydell Chevrolet - \$775.86, - Summit Food Services LLC - \$803.53, - Thomson Reuters - \$29048.51, - Thomson Reuters - \$1796.51, - Tri Steel Mfgr Company - \$3373.29, - Tri-County Water District - \$59.9, - Xcel Energy - Mpls - \$1407.49, - Office Depot-Chicago - \$425.34, and purchasing card transactions in the amount of \$48,214.95; employee status changes for Eric Roberson, Hallee Stark, Adri Hargrove, Scott Hattis, Jason Johnston, Johanna Watne and Casey R Dahl; overtime; and bond for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Trevor Woods, Northern Plains UAS Test Site Executive Director, gave an update on the Northern Plains UAS Test Site.

Cynthia Shabb, Global Friends Coalition Executive Director, gave a presentation on the Global Friends Coalition.

Tammy Knutson, GF County Human Service Zone Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Pic, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer for \$39,784 from Nelson Auto Center, Fergus Falls, MN through the State bid. Motion carried unanimously. The ND Department of Health and Human Services has approved the purchase, and she has the funds within the Human Service Zone 2024 budget. She will also be trading in a 2014 Grand Caravan that will off set the cost of the new vehicle.

Lou Lombardi, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Grand Forks County Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans and to approve the Letter to Editor regarding Operation Green Light for Veterans with the Chair's signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Thiel, Human Resources Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Hagen, for Grand Forks County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Grand Forks County is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 11-01-01 and 11-01-19 and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Deferred Compensation Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of Grand Forks County. The Board approved joining the NDPERS Deferred Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve offering matching funds, up to 3% of employee contributions to a 457 plan. This for all new employees, effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, for Grand Forks County to enroll into the NDPERS 457 plan for all new employees, effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rost, to accept Heartland Acres Development's proposal for relocation of the Sheriff's Office contingent upon Measure #4 failing on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot. Motion carried with Rost, Hagen, Pic and Engen voting aye. Commissioner Rustad recused himself from the vote.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Rost, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 3 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus an amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year and set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 5, 2024 at 4:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the Notices of Intent to Evict. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Swoyer, Grand Sky Development Company, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Hagen, to approve an amount not to exceed \$863,330 from the 21-23.036 Grand Forks Enhanced Use Lease Development Grant for improvements to the Beyond Visual Line of Sight system by Thales. The board waives the competitive procurement because Thales is the sole source provider with the necessary intellectual property. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Pic, to approve the Agreement with Curry & Co. Solutions, LLC for Implementing a Strategic Plan and Consulting Services to support and enhance GFAFB and GrandSKY for a total cost not to exceed \$48,000 plus reimbursables up to \$10,000. The 2024 County Administrator budget will absorb up to \$10,000 and \$50,000 will come from the 21-23.036 Grand Forks Enhanced Use Lease Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Hagen, to approve the ARPA Beneficiary Agreement with the Community Violence Intervention Center for \$333,622 net of the in-kind contributions and office space, to be paid in 2025 and to approve the Chair's signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rost, to approve the Lease Agreement with Community Violence Intervention Center for an in-kind contribution of 1,126 square feet of office space on the 5th floor north of the County Office Building and 154 square feet of office space on the 2nd floor of the Grand Forks County Courthouse and 1,160 square feet of office space on the 5th floor north of the County Office Building for annual rent of \$18,096. Rent shall be paid in advance by the 15th of each month in an amount \$1,508, commencing on October 15, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hagen, seconded by Rustad, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:29pm. The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2024 at 4:00pm.

David A. Engen, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor