

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 7, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Pic, Murphy and Knauf present. Commissioner Malm and Schmisek were absent. Commissioner Schmisek was absent due to other county business.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the meetings on April 16, 2013 and May 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of the agenda removing item 5, Shelia Bruhn, BRIC Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #165864-166125 in the amount of \$2,157,920.85; overtime; employee status changes for Hunter Althoff, Desirae Lauinger, Andrea Paisley, Benjamin Ebertowski, Alexander Moe, Chase Breitbach, Kelsey Litzinger, Aaron Blackwell, Josh Arvidson, Hunter Stanek, Allison Quincer, Ashley Champ, Jared Wall, Thomas Falck Jr., Todd Amundson, Greg Amundson, Sarah Gubbels, Nicholas Murphy and Erich Grant; March Financial Report; Game of Chance Permit for St. Olaf Lutheran Church WELCA; and Grand Forks County Highway Number 7 Roadway Raise, Box Culvert & Bituminous Pavement Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to accept the high bid from Audrey Passa of \$585.00 for a Sheriff's Department used vehicle unit #1 and to accept the high bid from Gary Coulter of \$977.00 for unit #2. Motion carried unanimously.

The purchase agreement for the property located at 5205 Gateway Drive will be discussed at a later date.

Amber Gudatjes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Jon Jensen, Jensen Bata, PLLC, attorney representing SF Plaza 97, LLC, addressed the board.

John Herz, Grand Forks City Assessor, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to accept the Tax Equalization Director's recommendation to approve, in part, the applications for abatement of SF Plaza 97, LLC and lower the True and Full Vales from \$9,049,800 to \$8,428,300 for 2010 and 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Christ, Social Services Director, introduced Virginia Rodriguez as a new Eligibility Supervisor.

Luellen Hart, Social Services Human Service Program Administrator, informed the board that Grand Forks County has had the best error rate for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) of the largest counties in the State of North Dakota for 2012.

Mr. Christ and Ms. Hart addressed the board regarding Medicaid Expansion.

Commissioners Pic and Malm will serve on a Medicaid Expansion Committee with Social Services.

States Attorney Peter Welte addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp and Courthouse Parking Lot Agreements, as amended. The new agreement will be sent to all current and future lessees. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO FREE SCHOOL  
POLICIES IN GRAND FORKS COUNTY

Grand Forks County Commission

*WHEREAS*, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and disease in the U.S. and in North Dakota;

*WHEREAS*, 88 percent of adult tobacco users report starting before the age of 18 and each day nearly 4,000 young people in the US try smoking for the first time (Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids);

*WHEREAS*, in 2011, 19.4 percent of North Dakota's high school students were current cigarette smokers and 13.6 percent were current spit tobacco users (North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey), both of which are near or above adult use rates in North Dakota;

*WHEREAS*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its "Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs" recommends implementing Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Policies to prevent tobacco use initiation because they reshape the environment to support tobacco-free norms;

*WHEREAS*, 58 percent of the school districts in North Dakota have adopted these policies and the Grand Forks Public School District is the only district in Grand Forks County with a Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Policy;

*WHEREAS*, in July 2011, the Grand Forks Board of Health adopted a resolution which encouraged Grand Forks County school officials to aggressively address the teen tobacco use problem;

*THEREFORE*, be it resolved that the Grand Forks County Commission encourages all Grand Forks County school boards to adopt and enforce a Comprehensive Tobacco Free School Policy. THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Grand Forks County Commission on May 7, 2013.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve Policy No. 104-01 Vacation Benefits and Policy No. 104-05 Sick Leave, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to allow the old jail to be utilized for law enforcement purposes now and in the future upon receipt of a liability waiver, and approval of the Correctional

Center Administrator, Juvenile Detention Center Administrator, and the Director of Administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm. The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2013.

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Cynthia Pic, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor