

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Rustad, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025, County Commission Meeting and the October 17, 2025, Special Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Pic, to approve the order of the agenda and add a Highway Engineering Contract after item #6 Citizen Comments to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Rost, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, check #51551 - Altru Health System- \$290, 51552 - Galbraith Francis M- \$122, 51553 - Gereszek Sarah W- \$648, 51554 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$1000, 51555 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$500, 51556 - GF Clerk of District Ct- \$376, 51557 - High Point Networks, LLC- \$2.91, 51558 - Lombardi Lou- \$541, 51559 - Reliance Telephone Systems Inc- \$62.5, 51560 - Steele County Clerk of Court- \$250, 51561 - Trotter, Lindsey- \$370.4, 51562 - Walsh County Clerk of Court- \$500, 51563 - Walsh County Clerk of Court- \$1000, 51564 - Walsh County Clerk of Court- \$500, 51565 - Walsh, Whitney R - \$740.2, 51566 - Combined Insurance Co of America- \$371, 51567 - Fraternal Order of Police- \$96, 51568 - Ingenuity Rm, LLC- \$1463.76, 51569 - ND F.O.P.- \$432, 51570 - Range Credit Bureau Inc- \$404.97, 51571 - Rodenburg Law Firm-Fargo- \$500, 51572 - State Collection & Disbursement Unit- \$181, 51573 - TX SDU- \$150, 51574 - Wellabe Life and Health Insurance Co.- \$132, 51575 - Randall Or Michelle Jenson- \$149.84, 51576 - A Spectrum of Care- \$1048.32, 51577 - Amundson Funeral & Cremation Service- \$3500, 51578 - Cintas-Chicago- \$120.3, 51579 - Development Homes- \$217.5, 51580 - Enterprise Rent A Car- \$133.94, 51581 - Grand Forks Cemetery Assoc.- \$1000, 51582 - Kwesi Adedeji-Watson- \$150, 51583 - Lango-PO Box 736101- \$159.59, 51584 - Marco Technologies LLC- \$1851.96, 51585 - ND Dept of Human Services- \$5718.05, 51586 - Safe Kids- \$130, 51587 - Tim Amsden- \$825, 51588 - Verizon Wireless - Newark NJ- \$2010.06, 51589 - City of Emerado (Hwy)- \$132.94, 51590 - City of Larimore (Hwy)- \$63.48, 51591 - City of Thompson (Hwy)- \$87.02, 51592 - Altru Clinic-Main- \$140, 51593 - Altru Health System 13780- \$120, 51594 - Altru Hospital Pharmacy- \$26.21, 51595 - At & T Mobility- \$101.53, 51596 - Bob Barker Company- \$571.78, 51597 - Bohm, Lyrik- \$25, 51598 - Border States Trophy & Awards- \$105, 51599 - Burggraf's Ace Hardware- \$99.89, 51600 - Canon Financial Services- \$39.29, 51601 - City of Grand Forks-Police Dept- \$2005.79, 51602 - City of Grand Forks-PSAP Communications- \$111977.75, 51603 - Coast To Coast Computer Products- \$389.97, 51604 - Cronquist, Dexter- \$6375, 51605 - Dahoumane, Nassiba- \$15, 51606 - Diamond Cleaning Supply- \$355.8, 51607 - Duvall Amy- \$30, 51608 - Fastenal- \$66.5, 51609 - GF Cnty Treasurer- \$2612.1, 51610 - GF Public Health Department- \$28921.9, 51611 - GF Welding & Machine- \$413.56, 51612 - Greater GF Fair & Exhibition- \$1518.57, 51613 - Gunville, Ryan- \$68, 51614 - Hansen, Clinton- \$53, 51615 - Hansen, Henry- \$25, 51616 - Hb Sound and Light- \$6675, 51617 - Hjelseth, Logan- \$15, 51618 - HR Collaborative- \$50, 51619 - Johnson Controls Fire Protection- \$256.28, 51620 - Johnson, Mikayla- \$52.8, 51621 - Knife River Materials- \$14315, 51622 - Knight Printing- \$657.47, 51623 - Lachowitz, Luke- \$53, 51624 - Lake Region State College- \$3000, 51625 - Lakeside Construction and Services Inc- \$241550.23, 51626 - Land of Hope LLC- \$1401.11, 51627 - Lee Anne- \$37.8, 51628 - Loffler- \$47.01, 51629 - McMaster - Carr- \$60.71, 51630 - Menards- \$1376.05, 51631 - Midcontinent Communications- \$3385.52, 51632 - Midcontinent Communications- \$155.91, 51633 - Morgan Lori- \$22, 51634 -

Morstad Colleen- \$390.2, 51635 - Motor Vehicle- \$80.75, 51636 - ND Dept of Emergency Services- \$9763.79, 51637 - ND Dept of Transportation- \$47933.02, 51638 - ND State Radio Communications- \$600, 51639 - NDSU Ext Serv-Dept 7510- \$30150.33, 51640 - Networking Specialists- \$126, 51641 - North Central International- \$229.4, 51642 - O'Reilly Auto Parts- \$426.35, 51643 - Ottertail Power Co-Devils Lake- \$532.78, 51644 - Pomp's Tire Service Inc.- \$532.94, 51645 - Provantage LLC- \$23180, 51646 - RDO Truck Center- \$137.2, 51647 - Robinson, Riley- \$15, 51648 - Rossten Collision & Repair, Inc- \$134.08, 51649 - Running Supply Inc- \$408.57, 51650 - Skip's Petroleum- \$2990.17, 51651 - St Croix County Sheriff's Office- \$100, 51652 - Straub Andrew Paul- \$185, 51653 - Thur-O-Clean- \$585, 51654 - Toshiba America Business Solutions- \$129.54, 51655 - True North Equipment- \$62.24, 51656 - Verizon Wireless - Newark NJ- \$79.55, 51657 - Walls Medicine Center- \$68.27, 51658 - Whaley, Shane Douglas- \$33.6, 51659 - Zavoral R J & Sons Inc.- \$780906.83, ACH payments to - Acme Electric/Tool Crib of Nor Total- \$155.43, - Advanced Business Methods Total- \$351.21, - Balco Uniform Co Total- \$505.82, - Border States Electric Supply Total- \$1403.9, - Butler Machinery Company Total- \$7035.42, - Cole Paper Inc. Total- \$381.26, - Construction Engineers Total- \$143432, - Diamond Medical Supply Total- \$31.6, - Docu Shred Inc Total- \$122.77, - Gowan Construction Total- \$10614.75, - Guardian RFID Total- \$328.5, - Interstate Power Systems Inc Total- \$1705.1, - Interstate Towing & Recovery Total- \$419.17, - KLJ Total- \$145383.62, - Kutak Rock LLP Total- \$2329.9, - Norby's Work Perks Total- \$13107, - Northdale Oil Total- \$38550.66, - Northwest Tire Inc Total- \$1167.72, - Polk County Dac Total- \$95.25, - RDO Trust Account #80-5800 Total- \$2474.64, - Roto Rooter Total- \$4400, - Stein's Inc. Total- \$269.29, - Stericycle Inc Total- \$96.87, - Sterling Carpet One Floor&Home Total- \$3833.5, - Summit Food Services LLC Total- \$21275.35, - Trail County Water Resource District Total- \$40042.38, - Tri-County Water District Total- \$59.9, - TrueNorth Steel Total- \$8155.41, - Uline Total- \$361.02, - Valley Truck Total- \$527.87, - Xcel Energy - Mpls Total- \$3171.83; employee status changes for Max Altendorf, Whitney Walsh, Jonah Lindberg and Tyana Lebby; overtime and bonds for check reissue. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick West, County Engineer, addressed the board.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Rustad, to approve a DOT contract for engineering work on bridge #18-126-12.2 with Chair and Auditor signature, contingent on review by the States Attorney. The contract is 100% federal funded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tammy Knudson, GF County Human Services Zone Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost to appoint Jeff Barta to replace Emily O'Brien on the GF County Human Service Zone Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Lou Lombardi, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, 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.

Gracie Lian, Government Relations Manager, gave the board an update on the Compatible Use RFP Recommendation.

Colleen Morstad, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

The 2025 Property Appraisal Hearing was opened; no member or representative of any governing body of any taxing district was present, so the hearing was closed.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Bjerke, to approve the minimum sale prices on the County tax deed properties and set the property sale for November 18, 2025, at 2:00pm in the County Commission Room, County Office Building. Terms of the sale are cash or check only. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Ford, County Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to approve the contract extension with Vanguard with Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Rustad, to approve the final change order for the New YAC/GFCCC Expansion Project with Chair signature. The guaranteed maximum price will be decreased by \$295,230.23. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Rost, to approve the final change order for the Courthouse Dome Rehabilitation Project with Chair signature. The guaranteed maximum price will be decreased by \$365,657.60. Motion carried unanimously.

The Building Closure Policy was discussed. Tom Ford will update the policy based on recommendations from the Commission members and bring to the November 18, 2025, County Commission Meeting.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the WIC Grant Contract and Addendums after the States Attorney approval. Motion passed with Hagen, Rost, Pic and Rustad voting aye, Bjerke voting nay.

Haley Wamstad, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Bjerke, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Thomson Reuters Contract and Addendum with Chair signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rustad recused himself from the approval of the Grand Sky invoice. Moved by Rost, seconded by Bjerke. Motion carried with Hagen, Pic, Rost and Bjerke voting aye. Rustad was recused from the vote.

Moved by Rost, seconded by Bjerke, to approve a bill from Grand Sky Construction Company, LLC. Motion carried with Hagen, Pic, Rost and Bjerke voting aye. Rustad was recused from the vote.

Moved by Rustad, seconded by Rost, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:46pm. The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Kimberly Hagen, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Colleen Morstad, County Auditor