

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 2, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Kvasager, Murphy, Wood, Malm and Triplett present.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2002 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of the consent agenda with Planning & Zoning being removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of overtime, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #14066 thru Check #1414180 in the amount of \$580,916.57 and payroll in the amount of \$652,270.89. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Approval of replacement check for Busy Bubbles for \$374.00. Approval of Veterans Service Reports. Approval of County Deeds to Thaddeus Faeth for properties located at Lot 1, & South 190' of Lot 2 Block 5, Original Townsite of Niagara City, Lot 9 & 10, Block 22, Orr Village – Agnes Township and Lots 13 & 14, Block 14, Bemis & Holms 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to Inkster City. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board and held a public hearing on the use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grand Funds in the amount of \$23,000.00. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood to approve the proposed used of LLEBG funds. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board with three options to pay off the leased vehicles at the Sheriff's Department. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approved option #3 to pay off all leases and to borrow \$38,664.22 from the County Reserve fund to be paid back from the Sheriff's Vehicle budget over the next several years. Motion carried.

Dan Hill, County Sheriff, addressed the board and discussed budget amendments. The board instructed Dan to discuss the budget amendments with the County Auditor and report back to the board.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to open bids on the sale of a used Terrex Scrapper. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

Fargo Parts and Equipment	\$13,651.00
Triple D Construction	12,682.50
Louis Kosmatka	11,656.00
Jim Langerud	5,500.00
Robert Ferry	18,600.00

Myron Olberg

14,000.00

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to award the bid to the high bidder Robert Ferry. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve road encroachment to Quest Corporation. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve agreement with Tri-County Water District on Phase 2 System Improvements – Contract 2002-1. Motion carried.

The Board opened a public hearing on 2003 budget at 4:30. Peter Welte, Assistant States Attorney, addressed the board and requested that the county include the position that is currently funded by a grant. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to include the position for one year. Motion carried.

Morris Davidson, NDSU Extension, addressed the board on concerns with NDSU budget. Al Morken, PSAP administrator, addressed the board on the 911 budget. Chairman closed the public hearing.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the final budget for a total of \$22,755,046.00. Motion carried. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Auditor's Office.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board on the structure of the Tax Equalization and County Recorder Offices. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the structure and salaries of those offices. Motion carried.

Discussion on the names of the combined offices was held and referred back to the department heads of the combined offices for further study.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Employees Association request to add Vision Insurance along with Dental Insurance with the premiums to be paid by employees. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to receive and file a letter on zoning from Bev Collins. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to cancel 1997 outstanding taxes on parcel 44-9991-00019-009 for 1,295.46, parcel 44-9991-00023-001 for 1997 taxes of \$2,025.75 and parcel 44-9991-00010-001 for 1987, 1988 and 1989 taxes of \$14,645.15. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to install a 9109-021-001-NA T1 Trunk card for telephone system for a cost of \$2,720.25. This will result in monthly savings of approximately 667.00 per month. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to appoint the following inspectors for the November 5, 2002 General Election: Gladys Sommerfeld – Nodak Electric, Keith Hill – All Seasons, Sherryl Weisenberger – Carpet Girl. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be October 15, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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James Brownlee, County Auditor