

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 15, 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 Malm, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of employee status changes, approval of overtime, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #14490 thru Check #14677 in the amount of \$383,329.44. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Approval of replacement check to Niagara Township in the amount of \$942.76. Approval of Game of Chance for Carl Ben Eielson PTO. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor addressed the board and reviewed the financial reports through September 30, 2002.

Captain Robert Rost addressed the board with a report from the Accident Committee on an accident involving Keven Lange. The Accident Committee made the following recommendations: 1) 30 day suspension from work without pay, 2) Keven Lange will pay the insurance deductible of \$500.00, 3) 1 year probation, 4) Kevin Lange be recertified on the operation of a motor grader upon his return. Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board and recommended that the Accident Committee's recommendations be imposed. Jodi Meyer addressed the board and spoke on behalf of Keven Lange and requested that no disciplinary action be taken against Keven Lange. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve the recommendations from the Accident Committee, with the suspension starting on October 16, 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to appraise the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 5 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 5, 2002 at 4:05pm. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, Planning and Zoning, appeared before the board. Move by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to deny a Special Use Permit application by D&N Construction for temporary storage, future permanent office and the stockpiling and recycling of concrete on a 10 acre site located in the north 490 feet of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve an Approach Permit application by Tim Overby for an access off 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and County Highway 11 located in the SE ¼ of Section 2, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve permission to erect 3 directional signs for the Manvel Golf Course; signs to be located in the NE, SE, and SW corners of the intersection of County Roads 5 and 11 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to deny a Special Use Permit application by Pat Heider for a variance from 68 feet to 50 feet for a tree row to be planted along 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 153 North, Range 55 West, Agnes Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to have chairman appoint a committee to research possible options for the Fair Ground property. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to name the combined offices of Auditor and Treasurer the “Department of Finance and Tax”. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to name the combined office of the County Recorder and Tax Equalization the “Department of Property and Records”. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to purchase a Lanier LDO60 Copier/Printer for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the County Office Building, in the amount of \$14,459.00, with the funds coming from the County Recorder Tech fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve change order G3 to reduce the General Construction Contract to Baukol Builders by \$1,800.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to accept and file a letter from NDSU Extension. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to send a letter to the State Parks Department, in support of a letter from the Kiwanis, to make improvements to Turtle River State Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to receive and file a letter from NDSU Extension on staff changes. Motion carried

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to appoint Mark Landa to replace Carol McMahon as a delegate to the State Fair Association. Motion carried.

Al Morkin addressed the board and updated them on State Radio going to digital radios. He also informed the board that PSAP has purchased a radio repeater that was previously approved for the Sheriff's Department to purchase.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be November 5, 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