

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 19, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, 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 #15302 thru Check #15542 in the amount of \$25,588.26 for election costs, and Check #15543 thru Check 15741 in the amount of 426,340.62. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office.. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor addressed the board and reviewed the financial reports through October 31, 2002.

Carol McMahan, Planning and Zoning, appeared before the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by James Anderson for a 2002 or 2003 Manufactured Home to be located in the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township, as recommended ny the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve a sign permit application by the EERC for a 4 foot by 9 foot informational sign to be located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 152 North, Range 53 West, Mekinock Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board . Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to have Chairman sign an agreement with Carol McMahan on repayment of retirement contribution as approved by board on November 5, 2002. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, appeared before the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the job descriptions and classification for Karen Waldron and Marjorie Hanson as outlined in memo on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve a contract with Arlene Lucke as an independent contractor for a two year period from February 1, 2003 to January 31, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve a draft copy with Maximus to conduct a salary survey. Motion tabled until later in the meeting to allow board to review the draft contract.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement from Ronald & Geraldine Nygaard, on Pt of the NE ¼, 33-150-52, Fairfield Township, to reduce the 2002 True and Full Value from \$171,000 to \$147,000.00 as recommended by the Director of Tax Equalization. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve the application for abatement from Jeff L. Nygaard, on Pt of the NE ¼, 33-150-52, Fairfield Township, to reduce the 2002 True and Full Value from \$85,000 to \$68,000.00 as recommended by the Director of Tax Equalization. Motion carried.

Chairman Kvasager appointed commissioners Wood and Triplett to serve on the Building committee until courthouse project is completed.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney, addressed the board and informed them on the status of the bond issued voted on at the General Election. It was recommended by Mr. Odegard that the County use the Grand Forks County Building Authority to issue the bonds.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to find appropriate Insurance coverage for Building Authority Errors and Omissions. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to have the auditor notice next board meeting as a meeting of the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried with Commissioner Wood voting against.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the request from Tri County Water District to proceed with Rural Water System Expansion as it does not conflict with County plans. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve out of state travel for Jim Brownlee and Dean Dahl to attend the New World Executive Customer Conference in New Orleans. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve a Contract for Deed with Mathew Gust for property located at 209 N 10th St. Grand Forks, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve a County Deed to Andrew Wasylow for property located at RR# 2, Grand Forks, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve a County Deed to Frank & Patricia Swangler for property located at 1421 7th Ave. N. Grand Forks, ND as Contract for Deed was paid in full. Motion carried.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney, notified the board that the County was served with a lawsuit.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be December 3, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor