

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 5, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes as corrected of the February 19th meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #9053 thru Check #9209 in the amount of \$458,624.60 and payroll of \$642,532.40. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm to approve the overtime for the following departments: Sheriff \$118.55, Correctional Center \$1,284.66. Motion Carried.

Moved by Triplett, second by Malm, to approve two county road encroachment and crossing permit for Midcontinent Communications. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2001 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Margie Walker, 824 Booth Ave., Larimore, ND on Hendrickson's Add. Lots 1-4, Block 26, Larimore City and reduce the True and Full Value from \$21,074 to \$15,516, as recommended by city and county assessor. Motion carried

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2001 and 2000 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Jeff Trosen, 3564 21st Ave., Larimore, ND on Original Townsite Lots 12, Block 63, Larimore City and reduce the True and Full Value from \$22,060 to \$11,060, as recommended by the governing board. Motion carried

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to deny the 2001 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Keith & Lori Chrisholm, 2098 29th Ave NE., Manvel, ND on South 746' of West 364' of SW1/4SW/14 1-153-52, Lakeville Township, as recommended by the governing board. The property does not meet the law for farm exemption. Motion carried

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplet, to approve the 2001 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Scott & Vicki Ripplinger, 1576 Corinth Rd. NE, Manvel, ND on Crossroads Subdivision Lots 2, Block 2, Ferry Township and reduce the True and Full Value from \$112,240 to \$76,664, as recommended by the governing board. Motion carried

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplet, to approve the 2001 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Raphel & Nancy Slominski, 1565 Corinth Rd., Manvel, ND on Crossroads Subdivision Lots 1, Block 8, Ferry Township and reduce the True and Full Value from \$137,670 to \$77,670, as recommended by the governing board. The 2000 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes was approved to reduce the True and Full Value from \$75,000 to \$64,886. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve the 2001 Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes filed by Scott & Jeanne Peterson, 1594 Rome, Manvel, ND on Crossroads Subdivision Lots 3, Block 3, Ferry Township and reduce the True and Full Value from \$84,298 to \$62,292, as recommended by the governing board. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett to open bids for Election Supplies. Motion carried. Bids for Election Supplies were received from Knight Printing. Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to accept the only bid from Knight Printing. Motion carried.

Peter Welte from the States Attorney's Office appeared before the board to present contracts for the demolition of the Johnson Store building in Larimore along with the advertisement for bids and the bid specifications. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept the documents. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, second by Triplett, to accept the framework for the contract for the county treasurer as outlined by the personnel committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, second by Murphy, to accept the framework for the contract with the county recorder as outlined by the personnel committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, second by Wood to allow the key staff to work on organization of the county auditor, treasurer, recorder and tax assessor and to set up job descriptions for the staff of those offices. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to accept the following employee status changes: hiring of Curtis Arndt, Correction Center, 2-15-02, William McNemar, Correction Center, 3-01-02, Steve Iseman, County Corrections, 3-01-02, Dave Dennison, Sheriff part time, 2-15-02, Mark Frovarp, Sheriff, 3-19-02 and resignation of Edward Strenkowskie, County Correction, 3-1-02. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to accept and file the following department reports: County Veterans Service Office. Motion carried.

Jim Forsberg met with the commission concerning the county property appraised by Olafson Appraisal. Mr Forsberg informed the board that he would be interested in either renting or purchasing the property from the county. Moved by Wood, second by Murphy to proceed with the sale of the county property included in the Olafson Appraisal and

have all information on property brought to the next commission meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to pay lodging expenses at actual costs as allowed by NDCC 44-08-04 and to update policy manual to that effect. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the county deeds to the city of Emerado and to cancel outstanding taxes on the following properties: Folson's 4th Add. Lot 4 Block 3, Folson's 4th Add. Lot 5 Block 3, Folson's 4th Add. Lot 19 Block 4, Folson's 4th Add. Lot 6 Block 5, Folson's 6th Add. Lot 2 Block 2, Folson's 6th Add. Lot 3 Block 2, Folson's 6th Add. Lot 4 Block 2. Motion carried.

Moved By Malm, seconded by Triplett, to have commissioner Murphy be appointed alternate to the Red River Regional Council board. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm to have chairman sign letter to Governor John Hoeven in support of sale of land for Kelly's Slough Wildlife Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to forward request of Red River Basin Board (RRBB) for support to the Grand Forks County Water Resource District Board, and to send letter to RRBB outlining board action. Motion carried.

Request for Lake Emergency Management Committee for a resolution of support for State solution to Devils Lake Flooding was denied. Commissioner Triplet and States Attorney will draw up resolution for support of Amtrak and bring to next commission meeting.

Motion by Malm, seconded by Wood, for approval of out of state travel for Veterans Service Officer to attend training conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to authorized chairman and auditor's signatures on county deed on property located at Lots 6,7,8&9, Block 8, Original Townsite of Niagara City. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve Juvenile Detention block grant in the amount of \$14,752 as presented by Bridgie Hanson, Juvenile Detention Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve game of chance permit 2002-3 to Carl Ben Eielson Elem. School and 2002-4 to Arvilla Community Club. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm to cancel taxes on property 17-5202-00031-000 Township of Grand Forks purchased in flood buyout. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve rental agreement on voting equipment from Electronic Systems & Software. Motion carried.

Doug Reierson appeared before the board pertaining to bids for Environmental Assessments for Grand Forks County opened on February 19, 2002. Commissioner Wood and States Attorney will meet with Mr. Reierson to clear up these bids.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be on March 19^h at 4:00 p.m.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor