

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 4, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda with the removal of item #9, Red River Regional Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #17866 thru Check #17974 in the amount of \$379,707.22, approval of overtime and employee status changes. Motion carried.

Ricahrd Onstad, Highway Superintendent addressed the board and requested the approval of a lease agreement with Tom Durkin. Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the lease agreement. Motion carried. A copy of the lease agreement is attached to the minutes on file at the Director of Finance and Tax office.

Gary Gardner, Jail Administrator, addressed the board and requested the purchase on new Correction officer uniforms. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to allow the purchase of new uniforms. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to move Deb Morseth from the Correction Center to the Department of Finance and Tax no later than April 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Director of Property and Records, addressed the board.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes from Philip & Dolores Krump for Block 8, Lot 10 Cox's Addition, Grand Forks City. To reduce the True and Full Value from \$95,600 to \$23,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes from Colleen Ross, for Block 1 Lot 12 Haake's Addition, Grand Forks City. To reduce the True and Full Value from \$80,000 to \$7,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Wood, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes from Kathleen Taber-Pietron, for Block 8 Lot 1 Haake's 4th Addition, Grand Forks City. To reduce the True and Full Value from \$84,400 to \$7,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes from Heyman Associates No. 11, LLC, for 1720 S. Washington, Grand Forks City. To reduce the True and Full Value from \$2,041,500 to \$808,600 and to deny the

application for the 2000 taxes. John Jenson, representing Heyman Associates addressed the board on the valuation of the building. Mel Carson, Grand Forks City Assessor addressed the board on the valuation of the building. After discussion on the determination of the valuation the motion carried.

Commissioner Wood left meeting at 4:00pm.

Kirk Williams, EERC representative, addressed the board on the County Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy to have the board chairman sign the application for Storm Water Discharges. Motion carried.

Carol McMahon, County Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to have board chairman sign Cost Participation Agreement on Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have States Attorney send a letter to the city of Grand Forks to get an appointment to the Library board. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to hire a temporary Deputy Sheriff, to replace a Deputy Sheriff that has been called to active duty with the Guard. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have board chairman sign the letter declaring Grand Forks County a hybrid entity for HIPPA compliance. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to decline terrorist coverage on the County's Flood Insurance policy. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board on the restructuring of the States Attorney's Office. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to option #1 for the structure of the States Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, addressed the board on a proposed purchasing policy for the County. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the proposed policy effective April 1, 2003. Motion carried. A copy of the policy is attached to the minutes and on file at the Finance and Tax Office.

Jim Brownlee updated the board on the status of the claims filed with FEMA.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager to approve the remodeling of the 1st floor office space with the costs as presented by Jim Brownlee.

Board received correspondence from NDACO on regional meetings and the Fairground Review Committee minutes.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on March, 18, 2003.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor