

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 5, 2010 – 4:00 P.M

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Knauf, Malm and Murphy present. Commissioners Schmisek and Pic absent.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official procedure by which the Board of County Commissioners will conduct meetings. Motion carried with Knauf and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to appoint States Attorney Peter Welte as parliamentarian for the board meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Michelle Hendrickson, Colleen Eklie, Danny Carlson, Brian Solberg, Gregory A. Sampson, Andrew T. Schneider, Kelly G. McLean, Delicia Juanita Glaze, Thomas J. Inocencio, Mike E. Lee, Jeremy John Qualley and Michelle Olson; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#144197-144496 in the amount of \$906,620.60; overtime and County Deed on parcel number 49-1801-00007-000. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to request the Grand Forks County Planning Commission begin to develop a draft amendment to the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution addressing wind farms. Motion carried.

Klaus Thiessen, Grand Forks Regional Economic Development Corporation President, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve \$25,000 each year for the next five years to partially fund a new Business Development Associate position at the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement applications for Kim Mullins on parcel number 27-0303-00001-001 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$69,000 to \$3,100 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$70,300 to \$3,100 and on parcel number 27-0303-00001-003 reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$40,300 to \$6,300 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$41,000 to \$6,300. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director reported there will be a 9.5% increase in the agricultural values for 2010.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator Agreement as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve issuing a Request for Proposals for an Unmanned Aerial System Business Park Study to be paid with the Office of Economic Adjustment grant. Motion carried.

Greg Hoover, Urban Development Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, pursuant to the request of the City of Grand Forks, which was conveyed via a December 3, 2009 letter from Greg Hoover to Ed Nierode, a copy of which is attached to this motion and by reference incorporated herein, the Grand Forks County Commission hereby supports transfer of the subject property from the City of Grand Forks to Prairie Harvest as detailed in the December 3, 2009 letter, provided the City of Grand Forks agrees: (1) to provide, in perpetuity, 30 parking spaces to the County of Grand Forks, to substitute for the same number of spaces referenced in County Deed 526481, dated September 23, 1996, and (2) to be responsible for ensuring that all project financing is obtained; for complying with all applicable federal and state regulations; for obtaining funding marketable title. Moved by Malm, to amend the main motion and remove the requirement to provide 30 parking spaces to the County of Grand Forks. Secondary motion fails for a lack of a second. Main motion carried with Knauf and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Ken Vein, Garrison Diversion Director, gave an update on Garrison Diversion.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Commissioner Malm asked Chair Knauf to take under consideration appointing a Capital Improvement Committee. Chair Knauf said she will take his request under consideration.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for Ed Nierode to attend the Association of Defense Communities' Winter Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 21-24, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to Mr. Ziegler, North Dakota Department of Transportation, with minor changes to the letter that was scanned in for this meeting. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to extend the term length of the following Grand Forks County Weed Board members: Herbert Welte from two years to four years beginning January 1, 2010 and Robert Leake and Ralph McCanna from three years to four years beginning January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the following budget amendments for funds that had unanticipated expenses that were not budgeted for and most had offsetting non-budgeted revenues. Motion carried.

Fund #/Name	Budget	Expenses	Over	
			Budget	Amendment
2210 Social Services	\$4,337,689.00	\$4,385,568.36	-\$47,879.36	\$101,000
2520 GF Narcotics Task Force	\$1,800.00	\$5,498.70	-\$3,698.70	\$3,800
2910 Emergency Fund	\$792,000.00	\$961,131.64	-\$169,131.64	\$170,000

2930 Social Security	\$2,419,978.00	\$2,421,020.87	-\$1,042.87	\$1,100.00
2935 Comprehensive Health	\$1,513,500.00	\$1,514,540.69	-\$1,040.69	\$1,100.00
2938 Insurance Reserve Fund	\$249,000.00	\$267,446.61	-\$18,446.61	\$18,500.00
2965 City/County Health Dept	\$417,518.00	\$421,175.58	-\$3,657.58	\$3,700.00

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:16pm. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor