

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 15, 2010 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the Special Commission meeting on May 10, 2010 and the June 1, 2010 Commission meeting and Grand Forks County Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Benjamin Ebertowski, Wendy Berge and Lynette Carik; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#147594-147930 in the amount of \$508,579.32 and GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Allen Butler owner of the Beehive in Reynolds, ND, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to close the street for one block on County Road 25 in front of the Beehive on July 24th from 6:00pm-2:00am for a street dance. Motion carried

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve a variance for Andy Landman to allow an accessory structure to be placed 60' from the centerline of the township road in the SW ¼ of section 2, Arvilla Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve a special use permit for Lynn Rustebakke to locate a manufactured home in the NW ¼ of section 34, Plymouth Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Windfarm Zoning Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

Earl Haugen, Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director, addressed the board regarding classifying a one mile segment of Grand Forks County Highway #17 as a County Major Collector.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to table the discussion on classifying the one mile segment of Grand Forks County Highway #17 until the July 6, 2010 Commission Meeting. Motion carried with Knauf, Murphy and Pic voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Major Rost, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to receive and open bids for the used Sheriff's Department vehicles. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pic sustained from voting on the used Sheriff's Department vehicle bids.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the high bid from Woodland Resort, Devils Lake, North Dakota on unit #1A – 1984 SUSV Tracked Vehicle for \$42,500.50. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept the high bid from Woodland Resort, Devils Lake, North Dakota on unit #2 – 1984 SUSV Tracked Vehicle for \$37,675.50. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the high bid from Woodland Resort, Devils Lake, North Dakota on unit #3 – 1984 SUSV Tracked Vehicle for \$8,500.50. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept the high bid from Allan Pic, Niagara, North Dakota on unit #4 – 1996 Chevrolet Extended Cab Pickup for \$2,799.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the high bid from Jim Dietz, Grand Forks, North Dakota on unit #1 – 2005 Ford Expedition for \$3,101.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept the high bid from Jim Dietz, Grand Forks, North Dakota on unit #34 – 2004 Ford Expedition for \$2,976.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to recess the board and convene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried. It was 4:40pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to reconvene the County Commission Board. Motion carried. It was 6:20pm.

Janet Dvorak, Red River Regional Council, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to Governor Hoeven, Senator Byron Dorgan, Senator Kent Conrad and Representative Earl Pomeroy requesting assistance from the State of North Dakota to provide financial support to Grand Forks County residents to allow them to relocate their flood-prone homes outside the floodplain. Motion carried.

David Middleton, Grand Forks Water Board member, addressed the board.

Mark Brodshaug, Red River Joint Water Resource Board, and Randy Gjestvang, North Dakota State Water Commission, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to take into consideration the possibility of the Red River Joint Water Resource Board seeking an additional one mill for the 2011 budget. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Correctional Institution Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the quote from Dacotah Paper Co. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to extend the Live Well Solutions Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program for one month and bring back this topic for discussion at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to Minnkota Power Cooperative regarding the location of the proposed Center to Grand Forks power transmission line that would be located, in part, in Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, to table discussion on travel and review it with the other recommended changes to the Grand Forks County Personnel Manual. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, section 410 of the Grand Forks County Employee Manual is still in effect. Motion carried. Mr. Nierode will notify the employees by email.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement with Prairie Harvest Mental Health and Northeast Human Service Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the FEMA Acknowledgement of Large Project Payment Process. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm. The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor