

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 18, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Malm, Schmisek, Pic, Murphy and Knauf present. Commissioner Pic joined the meeting after roll call at 4:02pm.

Chairman Malm approved the minutes of the January 4, 2011 meeting.

Chairman Malm approved the order of the agenda.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Kyle Deziel, Adam Landstrom, Jack Zuger, Tarek Grandstrand and Lisa Hanson; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #152017-152239 in the amount of \$618,475.15; overtime; and to approve the following securities as pledged: Alerus Financial, \$86,457,741.15; Bremer Bank, N.A., \$2,250,000.00; Choice Financial Group, \$2,300,000; First State Bank, \$1,000,000; US Bank, N.A., \$433,020.85 and Wells Fargo Bank, \$16,845,595.18. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the application of Kenneth Drees for the Plat of Elmer Drees Subdivision consisting of 2 lots on 10 acres in the SW ¼ of section 29, Americus Township. The access will be relocated to the property line by November 1, 2011. Motion carried.

TJ Handeland, Blooming Township Board Supervisor, recommended the Special Use Permit to operate a temporary contractor's yard in section 17, Blooming Township be denied.

Ross Weiler, 701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Grand Forks, spoke against issuing the Special Use Permit.

Michael Coachman, 405 W. Barrett Ave, Larimore, asked if Planning and Zoning had visited the site. Mr. Magnuson indicated that he had been to the site several times.

Michael Juntunen, attorney representing Lavern Berger, addressed the board.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the Special Use Permit to operate a temporary contractor's yard in section 17, Blooming Township with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall install screening on the North, West, and South sides of the site. Screening shall consist of a four (4) earthen berm with Russian olive trees planted on top. Trees shall have a minimum planted height of two (2) feet at 20 foot spacings.
2. The required screening shall be in place prior to vehicles or materials being moved onto the site.
3. Vegetative screening shall be properly maintained. Dead trees shall be promptly removed and replaced.
4. The vehicle traffic for the contractor's yard shall be required to use only those portions of the private service road and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE as shown on the attached truck route map.
5. The applicant shall be responsible for correcting any damage to the 24<sup>th</sup> St. NE / 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE intersection from truck traffic entering the township road. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the December 2010 financial report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, asked that the Security Contract with River Cities Speedway be put on the agenda the second meeting in February. Michael Coachman, 405 W. Barrett Ave, Larimore, asked if River Cities Speedway should be using the Grand Forks City Police Department instead of the County because the River Cities Speedway is located within Grand Forks City. Mr. Welte said because River Cities Speedway is on Grand Forks County property the County would be responsible.

Gwen Johnson, Aflac, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to waive the property taxes on parcel numbers 45-0001-00005-000, 45-0001-00006-000, 45-00001-00007-000, 45-0001-00042-000, 45-1201-00007-004, 45-1201-00008-000, 45-1201-00012-000 and 45-00016-000 and sell the properties to the City of Inkster for \$25.00 each. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the signatures on the annual Maintenance Certification for county federal aid projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve Commissioners Schmisek and Knauf to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on March 5-9, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm. The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2011.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor