

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 19, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Malm approved the minutes of the April 5, 2011 and the April 12, 2011 meetings.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Kathy Berdal, Krista Kornkven and Laura Zeigler; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #153627-153899 in the amount of \$901,567.98; overtime; March Financial Report; GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics and Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to appoint Steven Wasvick to the Grand Forks City Planning Commission, term will expire 3/29/2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a Special Event Permit Alcoholic Beverage License for Eagle Crest Grill for June 22, 2011. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to waive technical defects of both sets of bids for County Highway Department trucks. And move to accept the bid of Nelson International as the lowest responsible bidder, and award them the contract, considering the factors in the North Dakota Century Code and North Dakota case law for lowest responsible bidder. This motion is made also giving due consideration to the much higher cost of operation of the trucks in the bid that is the losing bid. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to award the bid to Morris Sealcoat & Trucking Inc. for Project SC-1800(009) and approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation contract. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement applications of Janet Gratton on parcel number 16-3402-00001-001 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$109,100 to \$3,000 for 2009 and 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement applications of Scott Ross & Barbara Zavala on parcel number 44-2907-00050-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$96,700 to \$48,700 and the 2010 True and Full Value from \$99,100 to \$51,100. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the application of Peter Schumacher for the plat of Schumacher First Subdivision, consisting of 3 lots on 12.85 acres in Michigan Township, section 2, with the following condition: the Grand Forks County Planning Department shall

receive from the developer a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$7,000 dollars as a financial guarantee for road construction prior to signing off on the plat. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the application of Daniel Altepeter for the plat of Merrifield Industrial Park Third Addition, consisting of 1 lot on 1.46 acres in the SW ¼ of section 31, Grand Forks Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the rezoning request of Daniel Altepeter on Merrifield Industrial Park Third Addition, Lot 1, Block 1, from Rural Residential Single Family to Rural Industrial. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the variance request of Daniel Altepeter to create a 1.46 acre industrial parcel that contains an existing grain elevator. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the application of John Waters for a special use permit for a second home for a family member, located in section 10, Chester Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of Beau Bateman for a variance to allow an agricultural structure to be located 120' from centerline of a county road in the SW ¼ of section 35, Brenna Township, with the following condition: the grain bin shall be located no closer than 120 feet from the centerline of County Road 6. Motion carried.

The Chair requested that Mr. Magnuson contact Red River Regional Council to inquire if there will be any possibility of buyouts after the spring flooding this year. If there are funds available Mr. Magnuson will call a countywide meeting to report that information.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Sheriff Rost addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the presented Sheriff's Department Extra Detail & Special Duty Assignments Policy. The fixed hourly rate billed to the entity requesting the service will be \$40.00, \$35.00 per hour for the Deputy and \$5.00 for Grand Forks County for administrative costs, effective 4/19/2011. Motion carried.

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Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to advertise for bids to demolish property located at 223 Wolcott Ave, Larimore. The cost will be shared equally with the City of Larimore and both the City and County reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the Amendment to Lease for the one time payment for improvements to the space occupied by the Northeast Human Service Center within the Grand Forks County Office Building for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Motion carried with Malm, Schmisek, Pic and Murphy voting aye and Knauf voting nay.

The Finance Committee will meet with Northeast Human Service Center to discuss the terms of the lease for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm. The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2011.

John Schmisek, Vice Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor