

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 20, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Malm approved the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting as presented.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Shariyka Newton, Laura Ziegler, Susan Duval, Richard Hoffer, Ryan Thompson and Erica Sims; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #156091 – 156363 in the amount of \$622,533.34; overtime; August Financial Report and bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Mike Hennes, Minnkota Power Cooperative, addressed the board.

Laurie Santangelo, 1655 16th St NE, Brenna Township, addressed the board.

Beau Bateman, 6500 32nd Ave S, Brenna Township, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve a Special Use Permit for Minnkota Power Cooperative to construct and operate a 345-Kilovolt (KV) Transmission Line from Center, ND to Grand Forks, ND with the following conditions: 1. The applicant shall receive final approval from the Public Service Commission for the Route Permit. Any changes during the Route Permit Process shall also serve as an amendment to this Special Use Permit. 2. The applicant shall repair all roads and lands damaged during construction of the line or during future repairs. 3. The applicant will strive to achieve the requests of the townships and landowners. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve a Special Use Permit for Enoch Thorsgard to locate a manufactured home in the NW ¼ of section 3 of Union Township, with the following condition: the applicant must install a code compliant septic system through the County's permitting process. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of Derek Sondreal for a variance to construct an outbuilding 12.5 feet from the side lot line in the SE ¼ of section 10, Allendale Township, with the following condition: the applicant shall be required to install a drainage swale in the remaining side yard setback that effectively conveys additional runoff to the 10th Avenue township ditch, then easterly toward Wilson Creek. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board. The public hearing on the 2012 Budget was opened. No one appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2012 Final Budget of \$39,859,418. Motion carried. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Service Agreements with CVIC, Lutheran Social Services, Circle of Friends Humane Society, Summer Performing Arts, Shelter for the Homeless and Greater Grand Forks Community Service and Restitution Program. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Commissioner Knauf or her designee, as the North Dakota State Fair Delegate.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2012-2013 Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Manager, was selected to receive the North Dakota Association of Counties 2011 Excellence in County Government Award.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm. The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2011 at 4:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor