

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Kvasager, Malm, and Triplett present. Commissioner Wood absent.

Chairman Murphy called for nominations for Chairman Pro-tem.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to nominate States Attorney James Odegard. Motion carried.

States Attorney James Odegard as parliamentarian adopted Roberts Rules of Order as the official procedure by which the County Commissioners will conduct meetings.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to nominate Kvasager to serve as Chairman for the year 2002. Motion carried.

Chairman Kvasager presented a plaque in recognition of being Chairman for the year 2001.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to nominate Malm to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the minutes of the December 18th meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #7496 thru Check #7716 in the amount of \$304,273.26 and payroll \$630,978.29 for a total of \$935,251.45. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the overtime for the following departments: Sheriff's Department \$637.63, \$475.35 to be reimbursed, Correctional Center \$452.34 and County Highway \$1,850.39. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, appeared before the Board.

Below is the specifics of the motion that was brought up at the last meeting of the County Commissioners regarding the Farm to Market Road Program.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, that the program of Farm-to-Market and Federal Aid Roads approved by the electors of Grand Forks County effective January of 1960 for 3 mills, and January of 1985 for five mills, plus statutory additions be changed as follows:

1. That seal costs be added to the program, as required, which was previously discontinued;

2. That projects be worked on and completed, as the Board of County Commissioners from time to time shall determine;
3. That the rest of the federal aid highway system shall be worked on and completed, including construction, maintaining and resurfacing roads and bridges in accordance with the Grand Forks Transportation Plan and any subsequent plan revisions, and in conformance with N.D.C.C. 57-15-06.3 and any revisions as may be enacted by the legislature; and,
4. To extend the existing tax levy shall maintain the program.

That this motion shall be effective until those program projects set forth in the 1960, 1985 elections and as stated in this Motion are completed, according to all mandated requirements, and to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning, appeared before the Board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to reappoint John Rodgers and John Fortin to the County Planning and Zoning Commission for another 3-year term, to expire January of 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to grant out of state travel to Carole McMahon, to attend a FEMA Conference in Emmetsburg, MD for a week starting 4-15-19, with the cost to the County being meals and her time. Motion carried.

Applications from Roland Young and Darrell Nottestad showing their interest to be appointed to the Water Board.

The Chairman delayed any action on the appointment until a full board is present.

Debbie Nelson, Director of Tax Equalization, appeared before the Board.

The applications for Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes received from Lee and Joyce Gensrich, RR#2, Box 82, Hatton, ND, for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 on property described as W1/2NE1/4, E1/2 NE1/4, and the SE1/4, 19-149-52, Union Township be denied as recommended by the local governing body. Motion carried.

Ms. Nelson informed the Board that agricultural value in Grand Forks will be going up 3.5% per cent due to Title 57 of the NDCC.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to set the Board of Equalization Meeting for June 4th at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Commissioners to sign the Residential Property Assessment Policy for Grand Forks County, as presented by the Tax Director. Motion carried.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center, appeared before the Board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to authorize Mr. Gardner to get the ductwork done in the Correctional Center at a cost of \$28,655.00, \$12,000.00 for the cleaning to come out of the Correctional Center Budget and rest to come out of Capitol Improvements. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to authorize Mr. Gardner, to send a letter to Grand Forks City requesting a rate increase for prisoners for 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to authorize Mr. Gardner, to fill the position that was budgeted for in 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett to approve the following Committee Assignments for 2002 Board appointments:

*Indicates appointment by Chair

*Personnel Committee.....	Commissioner Kvasager Commissioner Malm
*Building Committee.....	. Commissioner Wood Commissioner Triplett
*Finance Committee.....	Commissioner Triplett
*Roads and Bridges.....	Commissioner Murphy
*Law Enforcement.....	Commissioner Triplett
*City/County Communications Center Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy
*Emergency Management.....	Commissioner Malm
*Purchasing.....	. Commissioner Murphy
Northeast Human Services Advisory Board.....	Commissioner Triplett
*Electronics/Computer.....	Commissioner Malm
Red River Regional Committee.....	Commissioner Malm
Metro Planning.....	Commissioner Kvasager
*Solid Waste Management.....	Commissioner Malm
City/County Housing Authority.....	Commissioner Kvasager

Base Realignment.....	Commissioner Murphy
*Elections.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Fair Board.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Social Service Liaisons.....	Commissioner Wood Commissioner Kvasager
City/County Board of Health.....	Commissioner Kvasager
County Planning and Zoning.....	Commissioner Triplett Commissioner Malm

Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to establish the polling places as listed below for the upcoming elections.

PRECINCT NO. 1 at Carpet Girl (Shall Comprise of Pt Airbase, Blooming, Rye and Falconer Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 2 at Emerado Community Hall (Shall Comprise of Emerado City, Pt Airbase, Chester Oakville, Pleasant View, and Mekinock Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 3 at Gilby Community Center, Gilby City (shall comprise of Gilby City, Gilby Township, Johnstown, Levant and Lakeville Township)

PRECINCT NO. 4 Inkster Fire Hall, Inkster City (shall Comprise of Inkster City, Agnes, Elkmount, Inkster, Strabane, And Wheatfield Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 5 at Larimore Senior Center (shall comprise of Larimore City Ward I and Arvilla Township)

PRECINCT NO. 6 at Larimore Senior Center (shall comprise of Larimore City Ward II , Hegton and Larimore Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 7 at Larimore Senior Center (shall comprise of Larimore City Ward III, and Moraine Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 8 at Manvel Senior Citizens Center (shall comprise of Manvel City, Ferry and Turtle River Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 09 at Niagara Rural Fire Department (shall comprise of Niagara City, Elm Grove, Niagara and Plymouth Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 10 at Northwood Community Center (shall comprise Of Northwood City Ward I, Avon, Grace and Logan Center Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 11 at Northwood Community Center (shall comprise Of Northwood City Ward II, Lind and Loretta Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 12 at Northwood Community Center (shall comprise Of Northwood City Ward III , Northwood & Washington Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 13 at Reynolds Knights of Columbus Clubrooms (shall comprise of Reynolds City, Americus, Bentru, Michigan and Union)

PRECINCT NO. 14 at Thompson Community Center Ward I (shall comprise Of Thompson City Ward I and Fairfield Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 15 at Thompson Community Center Ward II (shall comprise Of Allendale and Walle Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 16 at Nodak North of 32nd Ave S in Brenna and Grand Forks Townships

PRECINCT NO. 17 at All Season's Garden Center, 5100 S. Washington St. South of 32nd Ave. S. in Brenna & Grand Forks Townships

Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, IDS, appeared before the Board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the request by Mr. Dahl, to purchase 10 PC's at a cost of \$10,380.00 as budgeted for in 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to proceed with the issuance of contracts and those contracts can be signed by Mr. Dahl with the 10 agencies for a six month period for any accessible documents recorded at the County Recorder's office that have been scanned into the Grand Forks County System. Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Service, appeared before the Board to report the proposed Social Service Board meeting date\time\location, which will be the 1st regular monthly Commission Meeting, at 3:30 P.M. in the Commission Meeting Room.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Contract between the County of Grand Forks and James Brownlee to fill the un-expired term of the County Auditor commencing April 1, 2002 at a starting salary of \$70,000.00 per year. Motion carried.

Dave McFarland, McFarland Sheet Metal appeared before the Board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the contract on the Energy and Building Use Study not to exceed \$79,050.00 and set the policy of during the heating Season the building would be set at 70-74 degrees and cooling season at 74-78 degrees. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to authorize the Chairman's signature on Change Order #MI to Custom Air for a reduction of \$93.00 and #GI to Baukol Builders reduction in the amount of \$23,771.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the following employee status changes: Correctional Center, hiring Wade Johnson, 5D, 01/07/02 and Lori Beaudry, 5D, 01/21/02 and Juvenile, hiring, Jason Johnson, Part time 01/08/02. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to designate the following financial institutions as depositories of public funds; Alerus Financial, Alerus Securities, American Federal Bank, Bank of North Dakota, Bremer Bank, NA, Community National Bank, First State Bank, United Valley Bank, US Bank, NA and Wells Fargo Bank. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following securities pledged for repayment of deposits: Bremer Bank, N.A. \$8,500,000.00, First State Bank \$1,000,000.00, US Bank, N.A. \$4,133,170.27, and Wells Fargo Bank \$11,475,600.20. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept and file the following department reports: County Recorder \$31,076.84, Sheriff \$4,763.35 and Corrections \$101,825.11, total revenues \$137,665.30. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to authorize the Chairman and Auditor to sign the County Deed to Kim K. Pederson, Box 702, Devils Lake, ND, described as Lots 21 & 22, Block 20, Budge & Eshelman's 3rd Addition to the City of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the 2002 Beer License to be issued to the Larimore Golf Club, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2002.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Doris J. Bring, County Auditor