

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 2, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes as corrected of the March 19rd, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of the agenda.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included county deed to David Terark for S. ½ of Lot 5 of Block 3 First Railway Addition to Kempton Village Avon Township. Also included were Veterans Department reports, financial reports, overtime reports, employee status changes, lost instrument bonds and bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #9783 thru Check #9863 in the amount of \$610,568.41 and payroll in the amount of \$642,718.10. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve Certification of County Township Road Mileage. Motion Carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to authorize road department to hire five part time summary employees. Motion carried.

Joe Belford addressed the board with information on the request for support of a resolution denied on the March 19, 2002 meeting. Board requested copies of resolutions passed by Cass County before any action will be taken.

Moved by Wood, second by Triplett, to open bids of demolition of Johnson Building and to reject the bid of Robinson Excavating, as the bid was not submitted by the cutoff date, and to open them in alphabetical order. Motion carried. Bids were received from Dub Construction for \$25,619.83, Forest River Colony for \$38,500.00, Karas Construction for \$81,000.00, Naastad Brothers, Inc for \$34,360.00, Schmitz Inc. for \$12,700.00 and Berger Ent. For \$27,885.00. Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy to accept the low bid of Schmitz Inc of \$12,700.00. Motion carried. Mr. Schmitz was in attendance and was asked if the bid was correct, as there was a wide variance in the bids. Mr. Schmitz stated the bid was correct.

Carol McMahon, Planning and Zoning, appeared before the board and asked David Foley to address the board concerning the houses purchased from the county until May 25, 2002. The board was inform that Mr. Foley had stopped payment of three of the four houses purchased, and that Mr. Foley would like to rescind his purchase of three houses and proceed with the purchase of one house. Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to

approve the sale of one house and to release Mr. Foley from the purchase of three houses and to proceed with demolition of those houses under the FEMA grant. Commissioners Wood and Murphy voted for motion and Commissioners Triplett and Kvasager against. Motion was tabled until commissioner Malm returns. Board will have States Attorney meet with Mr. Foley to see if issue can be resolved. Houses will be posted with no trespassing signs and will be locked.

Carol McMahon informed board that Agassiz Estates has two dedicated public roadways are currently block by trees so that roads cannot be built. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have States Attorney send letters to land owners that planted trees on this property removed by May 1, 2002 or that the county will remove them and assess the costs back to the land owners.

Allen Marken, Public Safety Answering Point, addressed the board and requested two members to serve on a joint task force with the city on increasing 911 fees. Commissioners Murphy and Malm appointed to joint task force.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to reappoint Commissioner Kvasager to the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approved site authorization from the Ashley Lions Club to conduct gaming at the Hitching Post Bar and Grill. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to bond the eight game and fish vendors for \$5,000 through the North Dakota Bonding Fund. Motion carried.

Jim Odegard updated the board on the status of back taxes on the Sandberg Auto Lease Site. Mr. Odegard will meet with County auditor to discuss resolution of back taxes.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be on April 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor