

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 18, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes as corrected of the June 4, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of employee status changes, approval of overtime, approval of lost instrument bond for Ryan House in the amount of \$327.00, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #11710 thru Check #11883 in the amount of \$261,359.75. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Commissioners Triplett and Wood updated the board on Courthouse Remodeling with a potential change order to Phase I, and requested that action be delayed until the July 9, 2002 meeting.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve change orders on Phase I of Courthouse Remodeling in the amounts of #1 \$42,486 and #2 \$3,764. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board concerning name identification badges. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, not to require employee identification name badges. On a roll call vote Murphy, Wood and Malm voted no and Triplett and Kvasager voted yes. Motion failed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to require all county employees to wear name identification badges. On a roll call vote Murphy, Wood, Kvasager voted yes and Triplett and Malm voted no. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board with bids on demolition of five houses with optional bid #1 to remove basement on one other house, and option #2 remove house and basement on that house. Ms. McMahan informed the board that the house on option #1 and #2 is owned by Mr. Foley who has not removed the house he purchased from the county as required. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to give Mr. Foley until June 30, 2002 to move the house. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to open bids. Motion carried. The following bids were received:

BIDDER	Demo 5 Houses	Option #1	Option #2
Gowan Construction	28,000	3,000	3,500
Gene Hagen	15,500	1,000	2,000
ICS	47,952	4,675	8,132
Berger Enterprises	13,885	990	2,000
Dub Construction	21,868	1,570	3,940
Schmitz Inc.	26,701.40	800	5,169

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bid of Berger Enterprises.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Wood left the meeting at 5:00pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approved the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Ardell and Wanda Sieg on the W 49.7” of lot 9 & E 50’ Lot 10, Block 1, Thompson’s First Addition, Northwood City as recommended by local governing board.
Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 1999 and 2000 taxes for Calvin Holweger Jr., due to inundated agricultural land, on parcel number 33-1202-00001-000, Pleasant View Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land, on parcel number 33-0104-00002-000, Pleasant View Township. Motion carried

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land, on parcel number 33-1002-00001-000, Pleasant View Township. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land on parcel number 33-1003-00001-000, Pleasant View Township. Motion carried

Moved by Murphy seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land, on parcel number 09-3401-00003-000, Chester Township. Motion carried

Moved by Malm seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin

Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land, on parcel number 09-3402-00001-001, Chester Township. Motion carried

Moved by Malm seconded by Murphy, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 tax and to deny the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes for Calvin Holweger, due to inundated agricultural land on parcel number 09-3403-00001-000, Chester Township. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to recess the county commission and to reconvene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Wes Peck , Red River Water Management Consortium, addressed the board and updated the board on the activities of the Red River Water Management Consortium and informed the board that a waiver can be applied for from storm water regulations.

Lance Yohe, Red River Basin Commission, addressed the board on activities of the Red River Basin Commission and to request funding. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to consider the funding request from Red River Basin Commission in the 2003 budget process. Motion carried. No funding for 2002 is available.

Ray Trosen and Dave Middleton, Grand Forks County Water Resource District informed the board that the Water Resource Board will consider a three year commitment to the Red River Basin Commission on a 50% split with the county at their 2003 budget process.

Don Shields, Grand Forks Public Health Department, addressed the board on West Nile Virus disease. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the draft plan of the Health Department on actions they will take on identification and prevention of West Nile Virus.

Romanzo Duncklee and Kirk Tinguon addressed the board on County Road B-4. Photos and maps were shown to the board showing the condition of the road. Richard Onstad, County Road Superintendent, responded that they are in the process of getting approval from North Dakota Department of Health to place coal ash from American Crystal Sugar on the road to improve the road surface. Mr. Onstad informed the board that approval from the Department of Health might take up to next summer to receive. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to send a letter to the North Dakota Health Department to request they speed up the approval process. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, County Road Superintendent, addressed the board and requested approval of a contract with Butler Machinery for the rental of nine 160 H Motor graders at a cost of \$1,699 per month per machine. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve contract with Butler Machinery for nine 160 H Motor graders as outlined by Richard Onstad. Motion carried.

Carol McMahon, Planning and Zoning addressed the board and gave them a copy of the Grand Forks County Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan for their review. Ms McMahon also reported on roads in Agassiz Estates. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy to refer the matter back to the Planning and Zoning board for further action. Motion carried.

Ms. McMahon also addressed the board with the following recommendations from the planning and zoning board:

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve an Approach Permit application by David Rebarck for an access off 19th Street NE in the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 152 North, Range 51 West, Rye Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve a Rezoning Permit application by Randy Lucke of Northland Manufacturing to remove from Zone I-1, Industrial, and include within Zone B-1, Business, a five acre parcel located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett to approve a variance for Scott Korum to locate shrubs and trees a minimum of 68 feet from centerline of County Road 17 on his lot located in the NW ¼ of Section 9, Township 150 North, Range 50 West, Walle Township, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the employment contract with Carol Christiansen as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Archer Evaluation Approach to evaluate certain exempt positions in Grand Forks County. Motion carried

Sherry Stover, NDSU Extension, addressed the board and requested board approval of an in-kind support for a Family Nutrition Program grant. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplet, to approve in-kind support for Family Nutrition Program grant.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The next meeting will be on July 9th, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor