

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 23, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of employee status changes, approval of overtime, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #12561 thru Check #12795 in the amount of \$403,853.99. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor addressed the board and reviewed the financial reports through June 30, 2002. Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

All Morken, 911 coordinator, addressed the board and requested the board place a county measure on the November 5, 2002 ballot to increase the 911 fees from fifty cents to one dollar per land line and cellular line. Douglas West addressed the board with concerns over the language of the county measure. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to place a county measure on the November 5, 2002 ballot to increase the 911 fees to one dollar per month for land lines and one dollar per month for cellular phones. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to waive the technicalities for the bid from Hanson Ford that was received after the bid deadline. Motion failed. Bid from Hanson Ford will be returned unopened to Hanson Ford.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm to open bids for Sheriff's vehicles. Motion carried.

The following bids were received on a 15 passenger Van: Rydell Chevrolet \$27,498 option #1. Nelson Doge \$26,298 option #1 and \$25,473 option #1. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to have the States Attorney compile the bids and to award the bid to the low bidder. Motion carried.

Peter O'Neil, Fire Department Chief, City of Grand Forks, addressed the board and requested funding in the amount of \$6,347.50 for Hazardous Materials Response Team. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to include this request in the 2003 budget process

and to pay out the 2002 Emergency Management Budget if funds are available. Motion carried.

Terry Skromstead, Greater Grand Forks Fair Association, addressed the board and requested funds in the amount of \$39,580.25 to cover the association's share of FEMA and renovations to the Grand Stands. The request will be addressed at the next board meeting on August 6, 2002.

Richard Onstad, County Road Superintendent, addressed the board and informed them of proposed work to be done at Arvilla to improve drainage in the area. Board was also updated on coal ash project. Moved Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve chairman signature on Federal Highway Aid Program 2003-2005. Motion carried. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm to accept the low bid of Rydell Chevrolet on two 4X4 pickups in the amount of \$42,869 with trade in of two 1997 pickups. Motion carried.

Carol McMahon, Planning and Zoning, appeared before the board. Move by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by Brent and Sherry DeCent for a 2000 28X48 Manufactured Home to be located in the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve an Approach Permit application by Brent and Sherry DeCent for an access off 36th Avenue in the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to bring in Personnel consultant to research redoing the county salary plan and give an estimate of the cost to redo the plan, for a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the one year contract with Dean Dahl with salary of \$60,000 retroactive to March 15, 2002, and an increase to \$64,500 beginning March 15, 2003. Also to approve a contract with Ed Nierode to increase salary to \$60,000 retroactive to April 1, 2002 and to negotiate for another year in April of 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplet to ratify chairman action on declaration of County Emergency. Motion carried.

Wally Helland, Grand Forks Health Department, addressed the board and updated them on West Nile Virus and actions being taken by Health Department. Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to allow the City of Grand Forks to spray mosquitoes in areas outside the city. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be August 6, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor