

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 6, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2002 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of employee status changes, approval of overtime, Approval of Veterans Service Officer report, Approval of financial reports and approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #12828 thru Check #12943 in the amount of \$172,777.94 and payroll in the amount of \$652,539.85. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, sheriff's office, addressed the board on bids on a Transport Van bid awarded on July 23, 2002. Mr. Fonder informed the board that the low bidder Nelson Dodge GMC was unable to meet specifications. Board instructed the States Attorney to review the bid awarded to Nelson Dodge GMC to see if it met bid specification and to report back to the board.

Mike Fonder, sheriff's office, requested approval for a purchase of a new Motorola 100 watt repeater for \$15,253.00 to be paid out of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, sheriff's office, requested that the sheriff's office be allowed to give a 2.5-ton truck to the Emerado Fire Department and remove it from the county's inventory. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the transfer of the truck to the Emerado Fire Department. Motion carried.

Terry Stromsted and Bob Amundson, Greater Grand Forks Fair Association addressed the board and requested a grant for \$10,700.25 and a loan of \$28,880.00 with interest at 4% over a period of 8 years. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm to approve the grant and loan. Motion carried. Board will start discussion with the Fair Board on payments of special assessments on Fair Ground property.

Jim Steward, bond counsel for Valley Memorial Homes, addressed the board and requested the board adopt a resolution giving preliminary approval, subject to a public hearing, on issuing \$6,250,000 in MIDA bonds for Valley Memorial Homes. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood to amendment to the motion to include fees at the same rate as Cass County charges of 1% of the issuance with a maximum of \$10,000. Amendment carried. Original motion as amended carried. Resolution attached to minutes on file at Auditor's Office.

Board requested County Auditor and States Attorney to prepare language for the General Obligation Bond issue to be placed on the November 5, 2002 General Election for approximately 2.5 million dollars.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board with personnel changes. Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to approve promotion of Linda Hammen from a 4-J to a 6-F. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to promote Jackie Anderson from a grade 4-H to a 6-D. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to move Charlotte Wilson from County Auditor's Office to NDSU Extension office to fill a grade 4 position effective August 12, 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the structure of the combined Auditor/Treasurer Office. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed board with the following transfers.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to transfer \$11,393.90 from Agassiz Estates Construction Fund to Refunding Improvement Bonds of 1995 fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to transfer \$40,000 from New County Office Building fund to Parking Ramp Maintenance fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm to transfer \$229,166.23 from Estate Tax in the General Fund to County Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood to transfer \$29,030.42 from Miscellaneous Refunds to County Reserve fund. Motion carried.

A letter from Sheila and Scott Bichler requesting that a picture of their house as part of the tax information not be on the county's website. As there was no motion to change the county's policy the current policy stands.

Larry Anderson, Steering Committee Viet Nam Memorial Moving Wall, addressed the board and requested funding for the Moving Wall project. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm to make a \$500 donation to the Viet Nam Memorial Moving Wall project to be paid out of the County Reserve fund. Motion carried.

Gary Gardner, County Correction Administrator, informed the board that due to a power surge a control panel at the Jail burned out and that he has contacted sever venders on replacing the panel. Mr. Gardner also informed the board that a claim will be filled with the county's insurance carrier.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to donate a Box of Chippers as a door prize to the Order of the Warrior Annual Ball and Golf Tournament. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy to receive and file letters received from Douglas West and Bruce Melby. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy to move the October 1, 2002 County Commission meeting to October 2, 2002 and to include this in the next Agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be August 17, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor