

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 3, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of the agenda with Planning and Zoning being removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of overtime, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #1313454 thru Check #13587 in the amount of \$146,251.37 and payroll in the amount of \$647,769.10. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Approval of Game of Chance permits for Bethel WELCA and Twining PTO, and approval of Veterans Service Officer reports. Motion carried.

James Stewart, Arntson & Stewart P.C., addressed the board and opened the public hearing on the MIDA Bond Issue for Valley Homes and Services. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$6,250,000 Nursing Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds for Valley Hone & Services Project. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Auditor's office and is attached to the minutes. Motion carried.

James Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and gave a brief financial report.

Dean Dahl, Information Services Manager, addressed the board and presented bids for cabling from the COB to the old Social Service Building. The following bids were presented: Del Com \$5,493.27, Reliance \$4,890.00 and the cost of network equipment of \$2,694.87. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to accept the low bid of Reliance in the amount of \$4,890.00 and network equipment of \$2,694.87. Motion carried with commissioner Malm voting against motion.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application of abatement from Harold Hanson for the 2001 and 2000 tax years, to lower the valuation from \$63,300 to \$3,800. Motion Carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the application for abatement from Donald & Patricia Bertntsen for the 2000 and 2001 tax years, to lower the valuation from \$91,500 and \$98,800 to \$19,000 and \$18,800 respectively. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Harvest Permit Policy to allow a 10% weight exemption on County Roads. Motion Carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the advertisement for sale of a 1965 Terrex Scrapper, Model TS-14. Motion carried.

James Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and reviewed the preliminary budget summary and informed the board that the corrected preliminary budget will be presented to the board at the September 17, 2002 meeting.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney, addressed the board. Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve county deed to the City of Grand Forks for the property at North 30' of Lot 5, Block 1, Viet's Addition, City of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to approve Quit Claim Deed to the City of Gilby for flood buyout property located South ½ of Lot 7 and the North ½ of Lot 8, Carnahan's Acre Lots, City of Gilby. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve language of County Ballot Measure #1 to read as follows: Shall the Grand Forks County Board of Commission set a levy, not to exceed 2 mills to authorize general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2, 850,000 to accomplish repairs and restructuring of the Grand Forks County Courthouse? Repairs are needed for the building to meet Uniform Building Code requirements, as determined and set forth in the Architects and Engineers Report on file in the Grand Forks County Auditor's Office. A "yes Vote means you approve the levy for repairs and restructuring. A "no" votes means you do not approve the levy for repairs and restructuring. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the wording of County Ballot Measure #2 to read as follows: Should the current emergency telephone excise tax be increased by 50 cents to a total of \$1.00 per month, per wireless access line and telephone wire line, to provide for the operations and maintenance of emergency 911 telephone communication system? Voter approval would allow an excise tax not to exceed \$1.00 per month, per wireless access line and telephone wire line, effective January 1, 2003, for an initial six-year period. A "yes " vote means you approve the tax increase. A "no" vote means you do not approve the tax increase. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm informed the board that the employee's association has accepted the County's Proposal for benefits as approved on August 20, 2002, and that Maximus will begin the pay survey immediately after approve of budget that include the fees.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to adjourn. Motion carried The next meeting will be September 17, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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James Brownlee, County Auditor