

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 17, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2002 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the order of the consent agenda with Highway Department report and Gary Hangsleben being removed from the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda: approval of overtime, approval of employee status changes, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #131872 thru Check #14038 in the amount of \$441,288.56. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Approval of Game of Chance permits for Grand Forks AFB Officers Spouses Club. Motion carried.

James Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and gave a financial report. Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to allocate interest to Courthouse Construction and New County Building funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to cancel the outstanding taxes on the property located at N.30" of Lot 5, Block 1, Viet's addition of \$10,669.44. This property was deeded over to the City of Grand Forks.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood to approve the purchase of four shelves for a total cost of \$1,865.80. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm to approve funding for the Storm Water Management Plan as presented by Energy & Environmental Research Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve out of state travel for Carol McMahan to attend all Storm Water Management meetings. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and presented the preliminary budget and informed the board of the following changes: reduce the State's Attorney salaries budget by \$40,000, increased the utilities gas budget by \$14,000, decrease the Sheriff's Special Operation budget by \$12,000, reduce the Sheriff's Police Equipment budget by \$12,500. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the preliminary budget with the above changes. Al Morkin, PSAP Director addressed the board on the PSAP budget and was informed that the PSAP budget would be funded at the same level as last year.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney, addressed the board and requested the addition of the \$40,000 salaries budget funded by a grant. Moved by Triplett to make a substitute motion to include the \$40,000 salary budget in the State's Attorney budget and to decrease interim fund by \$40,000, seconded by Murphy. Substitute motion carried. Original motion to approve the preliminary budget carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to set the public hearing on the final budget for October 2, 2002 at 4:30. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to deny the request for review of job classification from the Veteran Service Office Staff, the accountant at the Correction Center and the Director of the Correction Center as the projected pay study will review these jobs. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to pay \$500 of back interest to PERS for Carol McMahon to place her under the PERS System. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Wood, to move Planning and Zoning to the County Office Building and to administratively place Planning and Zoning under Debbie Nelson. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and updated them on the final reimbursement from FEMA. The final reimbursement from FEMA has been reduced due to the fee structure from Mortenson. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to appeal the final reimbursement from FEMA. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve County Deed to Virgil & Merle Richard for property located at Lot 3, Block 2, East View Addition, City of Larimore. Motion Carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve County Deed to Kermitl & Carolyn Berg for property located at Lot 4, Block 2, East View Addition, City of Larimore. Motion Carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to approve County Deed to Eugene & Eileen Berg for property located at Lot 6, Block 2, East View Addition, City of Larimore. Motion Carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Malm, to approve County Deed to Roger & Sharlene Sannes for property located at Lots 25, 26, 27, Block 28, McKelvey's Addition, City of Grand Forks. Motion Carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood to appoint Commissioner Triplett as Grand Forks County delegate to the NACO convention. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to authorize commissioner Malm to spend up to \$100 on a door prize for the NACO convention. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve a sponsorship for 4-H Awards in the amount of \$26. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to appoint Arvin Kvasager, Iola Kvasager, and Carol McMahon as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to join the Upper Midwest Conservation Association for a fee of \$200 and to enter into a contract with the Upper Midwest Conservation Association to repair the Justice Statue as outlined in the proposal on file at the County Auditor's Office. The costs of the repairs to come from the general fund miscellaneous line item. Motion carried.

Dougl E Cannaday addressed the board with concerns over the Justice Statue.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be October 2, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor