

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 21, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #16893 thru Check #17046 in the amount of \$293,095.52, approval of overtime, employee status changes, Veterans Service Officer Report, Pledge of Securities, approval of beer licenses for Larimore Golf Course and renewal of Forestry Stewardship applications. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance, gave a financial report to the board.

Debbie Nelson, Director of Property and Records, addressed the board.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2000 and 2001 taxes from John and Linda Laurie for Lot 9, Block 3, Birkholz's 2nd Addition, 2123 S 38th Street, City of Grand Forks. To reduce the True and Full Value from \$298,600 to \$282,100. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the resolution regarding receipt of assessment books. Motion carried. A copy of resolution attached to minutes.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve an agreement for performance of assessing duties with Oakville Township. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, County Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve three approach permits by the 319 Civil Engineer Squadron/CEC of the Grand Forks Air Force Base for temporary accesses (two to three years) with 24 inch diameter culverts to be located off County Highway B3 in Township 152 North, Range 53 West, Mekinock Township as follows:

1. One thousand feet north of the Eielson Elementary School approach in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25,
2. Four hundred feet south of the Eielson Elementary School approach in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 and

3. Eleven hundred fifty-nine feet north of the Twining Middle School approach in the SE ¼ of Section 24, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to allow Building Permits on Lots 1 and 2 of Clemetson's Second Subdivision since these lots were owned prior to the moratorium and there appears to be no drainage problem with these two lots, and to institute legal action against Mr. Clemetson as soon as possible to construct the road and drainage per County specifications, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, gave a report to the board on status of board requests. Mr. Welte also reviewed plans for remodeling the second floor of the Courthouse.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Wood, to appoint Peter Welte as parliamentarian for the County Commission. Motion carried.

Becky Absey, Clerk of District Court, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to allow the District Court to use the 3rd floor of the old Social Service building for storage until such time as the county needs the space. Motion carried

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to set salary of Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, at \$75,000 per year starting on February 1, 2003 and to set the salary of Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, at \$65,000 per year starting April 1, 2003. Motion carried with Commissioner Wood voting against motion.

Gary Gardner, Jail Administrator, addressed the board and gave a report on an attempted jail escape.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve county deeds to the City of Grand Forks for property located at 1001 2nd Ave. N., Grand Forks and Lot C, Block 4 of Walchester Place to the City of Grand Forks, and to cancel outstanding taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following budget amendments:

<u>FUND #</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>		
2350	Senior Citizens	23,860.60
2910	Emergency Fund	305,758.09
2950	Economic Development	8,040.42
2980	Correction Center	21,108.80
8007	County Library	16,586.53

2512 LLEBG 2000	3,647.59
2120 County Reserve	500.00
2506 UHP/COPS	8,891.30
2155 FEMA 2002	25,353.97
2542 Keys Grant	33,196.30
7001 County Recorder Tech.	55,506.20
8098 Water Rescue Unit	3,539.67
2514 LLEBG 2001	1,006.93
8012 County Park	39,580.25
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</u>	
8017 L&S Subdivision	16,642.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve Altrue Health Systems Tax Agreement on determination of their property tax status. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve contract with Schoen & Associates for Architectural Services. Motion carried.

Board was given a copy of a draft resolution on weed moving from the Weed Board. The Weed Board will be at the next board meeting to discuss the proposed resolution.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Wood, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2003.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor