

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 6, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2003 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #19238 thru Check #19397 in the amount of \$265,063.88, payroll in the amount of \$656,120.61, approval of overtime and employee status changes, approval of lost instrument bonds for Emily Kate Jacobson, KBM Inc, and Amy DePaolo, approval of Veteran Service Office report. Motion carried.

Jim Melland, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation, addressed the board and gave an update on the activities of the corporation.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from Agnes Wall, NE1/4, 26-150-55, Grace Township, to reduce the True and Full Value to \$55,900. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 and 2002 taxes from Eickhof Development Group, for Sunny Nodak Farms Addition B7 less 200', Brenna Township, to reduce the True and Full Value from \$96,700 to \$31,238 for 2001 and from \$95,000 to \$31,541 for 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 taxes from Rodney Adair & Jodi Kuchar for Block 1, Lot 4 Southbrook Addition, Thompson City, to reduce the True and Full Value from \$104,400 to \$96,000 . Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the elimination of Bridge No. 127-3.0 Section 15/16 Levent Township, north end of Legal Drain No. 12. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to allow the encroachment on County Road 6 by Quest Corporation for a buried cable. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to open bids on the demolition of a building located in Inkster. Motion carried.

One bid was received on demolition of Inkster building from Corbett Trucking, LLC in the amount of \$14,610.00. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to accept the bid contingent on the City of Inkster accepting the bid as the city will be paying half of the costs. Motion carried.

The board requested a special meeting be set for Tuesday May 13, 2003, at 2:00 P.M. to act on the bids for the courthouse remodeling project.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy to have the chairman sign an extension of the grant for removal of Architectural Barriers administered by Red River Regional Council. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed various options to a new pay plan developed by Maximus Inc. Board instructed Director of Finance and Tax and the Director of Administration to prepare tables with Social Service Employees included in the Hybrid Plan at full market and give it to the board at the next meeting.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to transfer \$107,835.57 in Estate Taxes to the County Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, reviewed legislative updates with the board.

The Board received correspondence from Senior Blast Prize Committee, Department of Corrections and East Central County Commissioners Association.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2003.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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James Brownlee, County Auditor