

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 2, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Judge Debbie Kleven administered the Oath of Office to Martin Yahna.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of the agenda with Doug Herzog being added after item 6. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda with item 5c being excluded and adding Bonds for check reissue. Additional items in the consent agenda included employee status changes and bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #21991 thru Check #22108 in the amount of \$430,489.19. Motion carried.

Doug Herzog addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the formal dedication to the public of the County right-of-way located in the east 130' of Southbrook First Addition and to authorize the Chairman to execute the plat on behalf of the County. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, Planning and Zoning Administrator, addressed the board.

Sandy Simonson, Red River Regional, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Wild Fire Mitigation grant in the amount of \$5,000. Motion Carried.

James Meagher, 8796 70th Ave N, Grand Forks, addressed the board.

Albert Meagher, 8796 70th Ave N, Grand Forks, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to deny the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from James Meagher, on part of the NW1/4, section 15, 152-52, Blooming Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2001 and 2002 taxes from Daniel & Barbara Rerick, on Lot 5, Block 5, Lamoine Subdivision, Falconer Township, to reduce the True and Full Value from \$60,700 to \$45,000 for 2001 and from \$63,736 to \$45,000 for 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to temporarily appoint Dr. Sens as Grand Forks County Coroner until the position is opened for applications and a two year appointment is made. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to accept letters of application for the Grand Forks County Coroner position until September 26, 2003 and appoint the County Coroner on October 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the reduced speed zone on County Road No. 8 and place a stop sign on the entrance approach coming from the KNOX radio station. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the recommendation of the Accident Review Committee and require Officer Hamre to repay \$250 of the \$500 deductible, which can be repaid over a six month period. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the negotiations with the employee's association and to offer the following: implement the salary plan as of January 1, 2004 in full with no increases on anniversary dates in 2004 and a step increase or 2.5% on the anniversary date in 2005, pay the increase in health insurance costs and close for the full day on Christmas Eve Day, if it falls during the work week, starting in 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to change the first Commission Meeting in October from October 8th to October 1st. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2003.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor