

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Board members were present for a GIS presentation at 3:30.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #22360 thru Check #22559 in the amount of \$1,335,629.77, approval of overtime, Veteran Service Officer Report, game of chance permits for Carl Ben Eielson PTO and ND College Republicans and approve County Deeds. Motion carried.

Kirk Tingum addressed the board and opened the public hearing on the MIDA Bond Issue for UND Sports Facilities, Inc Project. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed. Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$8,000,000 Sports Facilities Revenue Bonds, with not more than \$5,150,000 being issued in 2003 and the balance in 2004. Subject to a fee of \$10,000 charged by Grand Forks County. Motion carried. Resolution attached to minutes on file in the Finance and Tax Office.

Steve Johnson, Regional Airport Authority Executive Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to grant a 20 year easement over and across the following property: the East four (4) feet of the West 75 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 152N, Range 51W, for a chain-link fence for the Regional Airport Authority. Motion carried.

Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from Joseph Patrick Hart & Edith A. Ball, on part of the SE1/4SE1/4, section 1, 152-55, Elm Grove Township, to reduce the True and Full Value to \$78,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to waive the technicality on the bids received from Robert Hatt and Allen Madson because the envelopes were not properly marked as bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to open the bids for sale of road machinery. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to accept the highest bids; there was a tie for the box scraper; the tie was broken by a coin toss. Motion carried.

The bids were awarded as follows:

1987 Ford Pick up	Jim Anderson, \$311.90
1991 Chevrolet Pick up	Storbakken Trucking, \$1,262.00
Sheet foot double drum tampor	Butler Machinery, \$1,100.00
Schramm air compressor	Tony Anderson, \$450.00
Box scraper	Neil Breidenbach, \$326.00
1959 Massey Ferguson	Storbakken Trucking, \$3,277.00
3 section Melroe Harrow	United Crane & Excavation, \$200.00

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by Jeff and Shirley Hussey for a 2001 16X80 Manufactured Home to be located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 16, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for August of 2003.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board and presented the preliminary budget.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the preliminary budget with the following changes: decrease utilities by \$53,000, decrease health insurance by \$75,000, to make a separate line item for the transfer out to Juvenile Detention and form a committee to design a wellness program for the County employees. It was requested that Tom Saddler, Veteran Services, come to the next meeting and explain the budgeted amounts for Veteran Services for building improvements and furniture and equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to increase the Computer Department's GIS Documents line item by \$15,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to increase the salaries of the County Commissioners by \$2400 each for a total of \$12,000 for 2004. Motion carried, with Kvasager, Triplett, and Malm voting aye, Yahna and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to add a Crime Prevention Program amount to the budget for \$25,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett to approve a discretionary water resource fund in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2004 budget. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to set the public hearing on the final budget for October 1, 2003 at 4:30. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to recess for a closed executive session.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to end the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to reappoint Frank W. Matejcek to the Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission as an appointee of the Grand Forks County Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the ad for the Grand Forks County Commission appointments. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to allow Anne Morque's position in the States Attorney Office to go from half-time to full-time starting October 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2003.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor