

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 18, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2003 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda with Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, added as item 6b. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #23829 thru Check #24016 in the amount of \$248,476.56, approval of overtime and bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the County Deeds and to cancel the outstanding taxes on the property located at W1/2 L7, 8 & 9, Block 16, Original Townsite to Inkster, ND of \$404.94. This property was deeded over to the City of Inkster. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$8,915 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried.

Terry Stromsodt, representing the Fair Board, addressed the board.

Don Leonard, Attorney-at-Law representing the Fair Board, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to receive and forward the proposal from the Fair Board to the States Attorney for review and recommendation at the December 2, 2003 County Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$13,642 and authorize the Commission Chair to sign. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the purchase of vehicles for 2004 in the amount of \$69,148.08 for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Mark Walker, Grand Forks City, addressed the board regarding Phase 4 of the Flood Control Project.

Gordon E. Thompson, Walle Township Chairman, addressed the board.

John Drees, Grand Forks Township Chairman, addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to pass a resolution authorizing the Chairman or his designate to sign the Right-of-Way Certification without having a special board meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to rescind the motion made and approved at the October 21, 2003 Commission meeting to promote all Operator II's to Operator III's in the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Dean Stoltman, 701 S 10th St, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to promote Marvin Jensen, Keith Amundson, Gary Johnson, Larry Neil, Allen Madson and Tom Durkin to Operator III's. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to table until the December 2, 2003 Commission Meeting a Special Use Permit application by the City of Northwood for an inert landfill for the demolition waste from three substandard buildings in the City of Northwood; landfill consisting of an existing ditch and covered with two feet of clay and 6 inches of black topsoil and seeded after closure to be located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 20, Township 149 North, Range 54 West, Northwood Township. Approval is recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Gary Johnson, 2446 21st Ave NE, addressed the board.

Teresa Handeland, 2350 22nd Ave NE, addressed the board.

Theodore Handeland, 2350 22nd Ave NE, addressed the board.

Mike Juntunen, Attorney representing Lavern Berger, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Lavern Berger for excavation not to exceed eight feet in depth over 66.7 acres to be located in the SW ¼, Section 17, Township 152 North, Range 52 West Blooming Township with the following stipulations as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Any and all standing water in the excavation shall be pumped out promptly.
2. If standing water in the excavation cannot be promptly pumped for any reason, a mosquito larvacide shall be applied to all standing water.
3. All excavation shall be completed by May 11, 2006. Any work after that date shall require a new Special Use Permit.
4. After all excavation is completed, the entire area shall be left level or slightly elevated with no low spots.

5. Proof of a \$30,000.00 bond shall be immediately supplied to Grand Forks County as per Section 7, Subdivision 4, of the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution.

6. Agreement shall be made with Blooming Township for the construction of 22nd Avenue NE between 24th Street NE and 25th Street NE with provisions for abandonment after closure of the excavation and inert landfill. A copy of such agreement shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to amend item #4 of the preceding stipulations and replace it as follows; After all excavation is completed, the entire area shall be left level or an adequate drainage plan implemented. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to amend item #3 of the preceding stipulations and replace it as follows; The Special Use Permit will expire on December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, for the Chairman to sign a letter of support to Red River Regional Council for a four county joint grant application to EPA for the assessment of hazardous waste in the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to allow Carole McMahon to attend Flood Plain Mapping Training at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland from February 9th-12th, 2004. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the purchase of 125 memberships at Center Court Fitness for a fee of \$18,900 to be paid in quarterly installments beginning January 1, 2004. Other memberships will be available for County employees to purchase, via a payroll deduction. The number of memberships may vary but the cost to the County will not. The enrollment process will be completed by December 15, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded Kvasager, to authorize the Chairman to sign the amendment to the building lease with Northeast Human Services. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to allow the County Office Building kitchen and conference rooms B & C to be used for a fund raiser for a County employee and draft a policy to indicate when the kitchen could be used. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2003.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor