

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 2, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to call the Grand Forks County Building Authority into session. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to pay the Non-Profit Organization Liability Insurance premium of \$3,238 for the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the Grand Forks County Building Authority session. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda with item 11 being deleted. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #24082 thru Check #24203 in the amount of \$124,424.95, approval of overtime, approval of bond for check reissue and approval of County Deeds. Motion carried.

Al Morkin, Emergency 911 Director, addressed the board.

Martin Wishnatsky addressed the board.

David Waterman, 1428 Cottonwood St, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to deny the application for abatement of the 2003 taxes from Brent & Terri Halvorson, on Part of S1/2SW1/4, 35-150-50, Walle Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the application for abatement of the 2003 taxes from Charles and Lori Sprenger, on Pt of SW1/4NW1/4, 9-150-50, Walle Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement 2001, 2002 & 2003 taxes from Mercedes Kohanowski, on Lot 19, Blk 3, Boyd's Addition, Grand Forks City. Motion carried.

Kirk Tingum, Attorney representing UND Sports Facilities, addressed the board.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to give final approval to the issuance of MIDA Bonds on behalf of UND Sports Facilities, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500,000 Sports

Facilities Revenue Bonds, with \$3,500,000 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.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Tim Dittus, Attorney representing the Calvary Cemetery Association, addressed the board.

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

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to have the Fairground Subdivision Property surveyed to replat the County shop area that will be excluded and to start the bidding process for the remaining land. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to set Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 1:30pm for the Annual Bid Letting for Dragline Excavation, Gravel & Class 43 Aggregate and Materials & Supplies. Motion carried.

Mark Walker, Grand Forks City, addressed the board.

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

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to maintain the county roads that will be reconstructed as part of the South End Dike Alignment from County Road 6 to County Road 8 excluding the one mile of township road. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Chief Justice VandeWalle in regards to retaining District Judgeship No. 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of four chairs at \$443.00 each for the Property and Records research room. Motion carried.

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

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor