

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 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 December 2, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda with item number 10 being deleted. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #24515 thru Check #24718 in the amount of \$462,743.29, approval of overtime, Veteran Service Office Report, sale of lot to Grand Forks City and sale of Beer and Liquor Licenses. Motion carried.

Klaus Thiessen, EDC Director, was introduced to the board.

Karl Bollingberg, EDC Chairman, addressed the board.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Bill Hamm, District Sales Manager, US Link, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve US Link to provide the local phone service for the County. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2001, 2002 and 2003 taxes from Parnel Uglem, on the West 65' of Lots 1,2, 3 & 4, Block 12, Original Townsite, Northwood, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2002 & 2003 taxes from Terry D. Trosen, on Lots 7-10, Block 49, Original Townsite, Larimore, ND. Motion carried

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to hold over discussion on the fairground subdivision property until next meeting. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter to the NDDOT regarding inspection and acceptance of project SCS-1838(052). Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the financial report for November of 2003.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Finance Chairman Murphy to approve any bills that come in before the end of year. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to reappoint Raymond L. Trosen for a three year term to the County Water Board, beginning January 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Muphy, seconded by Triplett, to reappoint John Fortin and John Rodgers for four year terms to the Planning and Zoning Board, beginning January 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to reappoint Alan Dickson and David R. Middleton for four year terms and Herbert D. Welte Jr. to a two year term to the County Weed Board beginning January 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to reappoint Irene Dybwad and Diane Helgeson to the NE Human Services Advisory Board for two year terms beginning January 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to appoint Gordon E. Thompson to the County Water Board for a three year term beginning January 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Darrell Nottestad, Water Board member, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have Ed Nierode write a letter on behalf of the Commission to thank John Galegher for his years of service to the County on the Water Board. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Personnel & Administrative Services, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Employee Fitness Policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to have Commissioner Triplett write a letter to President Bush urging him to exclude the sugar tariffs from the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2004.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor