

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 3, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #25452 thru Check #25606 in the amount of \$762,699.88, approval of overtime, Veterans Service Office Report and Applications for Enrollment under the Forest Stewardship Tax Law. Motion carried.

Dennis Herbeck, Juvenile Court Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to authorize the Chair's signature on a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant in the amount of \$27,250. Motion carried.

George Newton appeared before the board.

Chuck Narlock appeared before the board.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from Ryan & Stephanie Walker, on Pt of SE1/4, 15-151-55, Larimore Township. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the 70/30 split between Grand Forks City and the County for allocation of the Homeland Security Grant. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve allocation of the Homeland Security Grant for the County. Motion carried.

Ken Vein, Altru Hospital, addressed the board.

George Vankirk, Altru Hospital, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to allocate \$115,000 of the Homeland Security Grant to Altru Hospital with the knowledge that this amount will be returned by Altru to Emergency Management for reallocation, if they receive this amount from another source. Motion carried with Yahna, Kvasager, Murphy voting aye, Malm and Triplett voting nay.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the allocation for the remaining agencies in Grand Forks City with the exception of the \$26,000 for the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department for a Ford pickup truck but use the money for communication. Motion carried with Malm, Yahna, Murphy, Triplett voting aye and Kvasager voting nay.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board with bids for highway supplies.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the low bid from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the low bid from Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel & hauling and the low bid from Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND, as low bid for copper steel riveted culverts and copper steel arched culverts and aprons. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND, as low bid for Steel Mult-plate arched & round 8 gauge culverts. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve Elk River Concrete Products, Maple Grove, MN, as low bid for pre-cast & pre-stressed concrete bridge beams & pilings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Qwest Corporation CR #25, County Road Encroachment & Crossing Permit. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the hiring of an Attorney to be funded through the Social Services Department and a Legal Secretary II for the States Attorney's Office, to be funded through the States Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to allow Correctional Officer Michael Degnan to join the fitness center in Crookston, MN. He will be reimbursed the amount that would have been paid to Center Court Fitness for his membership on a quarterly basis. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to hire Altru Health System to provide an annual fitness assessment for all employees under the mandatory fitness policy for Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a change order from Baukol Builders for ceiling enclosure at the County Courthouse in the amount of \$181,786. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor