

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 3, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda with item 7 being removed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm joined the meeting.

Moved by Murphy, 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 #29906 thru Check #30059 in the amount of \$316,842.13, Grand Forks Township Maintenance Agreement, Emergency Management Joint Powers Agreement, Addendum to Contract for Defense Services, Veterans Service Office report and approval of North Dakota Game and Fish Department Boat Safety Grant. Motion carried.

James Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board. The public hearing on the Nursing Facility Revenue Bonds issue for Valley Homes and Services Project was opened. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Greg Hanson, Valley Memorial Homes, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$4,580,000 Nursing Facility Revenue Bonds for Valley Homes and Services Project. Subject to fee of \$10,000 charged by Grand Forks County. Motion carried. Resolution attached to minutes on file in the Finance and Tax Office.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the David L. Meagher, CR #11, County Road Encroachment & Crossing Permit. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2003 and 2004 taxes from Clyde Jorde, on part of the SW1/4, section 22, 153-52, Lakeville Township, to reduce the True and Full Value to \$28,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the application for abatement of the 2003 taxes from Rosemary Bang, on Original Townsite, Lot 20,21,22, Block 46, Grand Forks City, to reduce the True and Full Value to \$5,700. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to lower the True and Full Values for 2004 and 2005 to \$3,150,000 and \$2,300,00, respectively, for CF Industries Inc., on Pt of the NW ¼ section 20, 152-50, Falconer Township. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for June of 2004.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to direct Mr. Welte to draft a letter directing Bob Wood to remove 3 particular farm residences from the tax rolls. Pursuant to two recent Attorney Generals opinions, it is Mr. Welte's opinion that these 3 particular farm residences should be classified as eligible for the ad valorem Farm Residency Tax Exemption, and accordingly should be removed from the tax rolls. Motion carried with Murphy, Kvasager and Yahna voting aye and Malm voting nay.

The public hearing for the Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Business for American Defense Industries, Inc. was opened. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Jon Ramsey, Assurity Finance and Development, addressed the board.

Tim Pribula, American Defense Industries, Inc., addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve a 5 year 100% New or Expanding Business Exemption for American Defense Industries. Motion carried.

Item 12a was removed to be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to increase Dale Rivard's pay by \$2,000 starting January 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the purchase of a television set for Juvenile Detention Center to be taken from the construction fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2004.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor