

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 17, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, 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 #30294 thru Check #30467 in the amount of \$387,660.74, approval of overtime and Sheriff's Department Transport Stats for July 2004. Motion carried.

Kevin Schoenborn, Blue Cross Blue Shield, addressed the board.

Dennis Herbeck, Director Of Juvenile Court, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a partnership with NECJD Juvenile Court in establishing a Victim's Reparation Program. The County Auditor will set up a fund to receive community service fees and disburse funds to victims when funds are awarded. Commissioner Malm and Ed Nierode volunteered to be on the Victim Reparation Committee. Motion carried.

Dennis Jenson addressed the board.

Bill Behm, Behms Vending & Games, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to open for bidding vending machines in the County Courthouse. The motion and second were withdrawn, the issue will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

Kirk Tingum, Attorney representing Dale Denault, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2003 taxes from Dale Denault, on Lots 3-17, Block 1, Folsom's 5<sup>th</sup> Addition, Emerado City, to reduce the True and Full Value to \$500. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the IMS Site Development Contract for \$7,000 to be taken from the Computer Department's budget. Motion carried.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to purchase an additional oven for the Correctional Center for \$4,930. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to deny the request by Inkster City to block the highway. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit by Phil Hansen for a 2004 28X80 Manufactured Home to be located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 32, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve an Approach Permit application by Richard and Alvern Reinhold for a field access with a 24 inch diameter culvert with aprons off County Road 4 in the W ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve a Subdivision Permit by Harold Stadstad for Stadstad's First Resubdivision located in the SE ¼ of Section 2, Township 152 North, Range 50 West, Falconer Township with access to Lot 2 to be either off an existing approach or off 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue North with a 24 inch diameter culvert installed to ditch grade and trees to be removed along the south Lot 2 lot line to a distance of 100 feet from centerline of County Road 18 to provide a clear sight zone at the intersection of County Road 18 and 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue North as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried with Malm and Yahna voting aye and Kvasager voting nay.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to demolish the Temple Building in Larimore City on a cost share basis with Larimore. The advertisement for bids will be published as soon as possible. Motion carried.

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

John Morberg, Gowan Construction, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve a 5 year 100% New or Expanding Business Exemption for Gowan Construction, Inc. Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to amend the motion and to approve a 3 year 100% and 2 years at 50%. Amended motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to transfer \$240,000 from the Estate Tax line item in the General Fund to the County Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to give preliminary approval on refunding the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999B. Motion carried.

Tom Falck, Assistant State's Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the contract with Midwest Masonry Restoration Company for \$101,365.00 for the Courthouse exterior restoration. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to repair the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse for a cost of approximately \$14,000. Motion carried.

A letter recommending the appointment of Wayne Westlund by the Grand Forks County Commission for the Public Administrator position will be on file with the minutes.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to purchase a carpet cleaner for \$6,000 for the Buildings and Grounds department. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor