

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 21, 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 Murphy, to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda adding Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department as item 8c. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #30985 thru Check #31194 in the amount of \$245,230.74, approval of overtime, approval of bond for check reissue and approval of a game of chance permit for UND Physical Therapy Club. Motion carried.

Judge Bohlman addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve Grand Forks County as the applicant and fiscal officer of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant in the amount of \$50,116. Grand Forks County will receive \$4,556 for administrative costs. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by Linda Dale for a 2004 27X64 manufactured home to be located on Lot 6 of Gregoire's First Housing Tract in the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an Approach Permit application by Linda Dale for an access with a 24 inch diameter culvert with aprons to be located between Lots 5 and 6 of Gregoire's First Housing Tract in the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve an Approach Permit application by Phil and April Hanson for an access with a 24 inch diameter culvert with aprons to be located off 18th Street NE 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 Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Bruce and Connie Gravidahl for a setback variance to plant trees 100 feet from centerline of County Road 20 located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 4 and the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 9, Township 150 North, Range 55 West, Grace Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve an Approach Permit application by Steve and Annette LaMont for an access off County Road 10 in the NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 154 North, Range 55 West, Inkster Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve Carole McMahon's attendance at the State Planning Convention in Mandan, North Dakota on October 28 and 29, 2004, and/or the North Dakota Building Officials Association Training Seminar on October 14 and 15, 2004 in Dickinson, North Dakota. Motion carried.

The board opened a public hearing on the 2005 budget at 4:30.

Dr. Sens, County Coroner, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve a 1% cost of living increase on July 1, 2005 for all employees instead of on the employee's anniversary date. Motion carried with Malm voting nay.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to increase the Sheriff's Department's 2005 budget by \$12,712 for a narcotics dog. Cash reserve will be decreased by the same amount so there will no increase in the amount levied for 2005. Motion carried with Yahna, Murphy and Triplett voting aye and Malm and Kvasager voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the final budget of \$25,202,520. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

Major Fonder indicated that there is a short-fall in the amount needed to purchase 32 security cameras to be used in the parking ramp, County Office Building and Courthouse. The amount in the budget would only purchase 20 cameras. He was asked to provide a diagram of where the cameras would be placed and bring it to the next meeting.

Peter Welte, State's Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve Ed Nierode's attendance at the Advanced Certificate in Human Resource Management Course from the Council on Education in Management in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 3-5, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on BRC-1808(054) Bridge at Manvel and SC-1819(056) bituminous overlay construction and maintenance agreements and right of way certifications. Motion carried.

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

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor