

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #31653 thru Check #31866 in the amount of \$330,280.86, approval of overtime, approval of monthly financial report, approval of County Deed on parcel number 44-2901-00113-000 and approval of a game of chance permit for Eielson PTO. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve Grand Forks County Emergency Management Office and Altru Health Systems to jointly and cooperatively purchase equipment which will be funded from the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program. The equipment will be purchased, by and therefore, the property and liability of Altru Health Systems. Upon payment, Altru Health Systems shall be reimbursed \$71,000 by the North Dakota State Division of Emergency Management through the Grand Forks County Emergency Management Office. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve an Approach Permit application by Terry Bailey for an access with a 24 inch diameter culvert off 13th Avenue NE in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve an Approach Permit application by Ramie Kowalski and Tammy Nelson for an access with a 36 inch diameter culvert off County Highway 6 between W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 31, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Subdivision Permit application by Roy Schnebli for Lazy R Ranch Subdivision No. 4 to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 1, Township 150 North, Range 52 West, Fairfield Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sandy Simonson, Red River Regional Council, presented the Grand Forks County Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2003 taxes from Myron Wagner, on Lot F, Replat of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, Birkholz's 6th Addition to the City of Grand Forks; the 2002 and 2003 taxes for Richard and Judith Yoney, on the south 1/3 of Lot 3, all of Lots 4 & 5 and north 1/3 of Lot 6, Block 2,

Stone's Addition to the City of Grand Forks and the 2002 and 2003 taxes from Stacy Bakke, on Lots 5,6 &7, Block 29, Original Townsite to the City of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Jake Soper, Verizon Wireless, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to give preliminary approval to expand the existing Western Wireless lease area on the County Fairgrounds by 50' x 5'3", subject to review by the County Highway Superintendent. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve out-of-state travel for an Advanced Homicide & Forensic Death Investigation Training Seminar in Las Vegas, NV and an Arson Investigation course in Andover, MN. Motion carried.

Dan Hill, Grand Forks County Sheriff, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to increase the Sheriff's Department 2005 budget by \$12,712 for a narcotics dog. Motion carried with Yahna, Murphy and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Dean Jelsing, Grand Forks Vending, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to accept the proposal by Grand Forks Vending for a term of 3 years beginning November 1, 2004, to provide pop/juice and candy/snack machines in the Grand Forks County Office Building and the County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 5 years taxes due, plus special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 2, 2004 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

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.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Juvenile Justice Accountability Block Grant to be combined with a request from Grand Forks City to help fund the Juvenile Investigator position at the Grand Forks Police Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor