

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 16, 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 Yahna, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda with Becky Absey being added after item number 4. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, indicated that Becky Absey, Clerk of Court and the Finance and Tax Office will work together to enter the names from the poll books into the computer by years end.

Moved by Kvasager, 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 #32610 thru Check #32800 in the amount of \$303,244.79, approval of overtime and Sheriff's Department Transport Stats. Motion carried.

Augie Ternes, Audit Manager, Office of the State Auditor, presented the 2003 audited financial statements.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to open the Sheriff's Department vehicle bids. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

| | <u>Sedan</u> | <u>4 x 4</u> |
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| Rydell GM Auto Center, Inc. Grand Forks, ND | | \$26,949.00 |
| Fleet Sales Fergus Falls, MN | | 25,347.00 |
| Hansen Ford Grand Forks, ND | \$21,639.30 | 25,350.88 |

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the local bids from Hansen Ford, Grand Forks, ND, for the Sedan and 4 x 4. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to allow the County to act as the fiscal agent and to contract with an individual to coordinate the activities of the Safe Community Coalition as a last resort if another agency is not willing to accept these responsibilities. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to purchase a new Polycom speakerphone unit with two external microphones for the Commissioner's room at a cost of \$2,425.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of a new server for the computer system at a cost of \$4,602.72 to be paid first from the GIS line item in the Computer Department's budget and the balance from the Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Verizon Wireless for the construction of a 180 foot self supporting communications tower and necessary appurtenances to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 150 North, Range 50 West, Walle Township with the stipulation that agreements are made with Walle Township and Americus Township for the construction of the driveway on the Section line between Section 32 of Walle Township and Section 5 of Americus Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Qwest Corporation, CR #3, County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to work with the City of Larimore on obtaining bids for the demolition of the Temple Hair Stylists building in Larimore. The cost of the demolition will be shared 50-50. The County will sell the lot back to the City after the demolition. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to send a counter offer to the owner of parcel number 44-0001-00291-000 for the 2004 True and Full Value of the property for \$27,300 and to the owner of parcel number 44-0001-00292-000 for the 2004 True and Full Value of the property for \$106,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to accept the proposal of \$7,450.00 from Ye Ol Painters, Ltd. to repair and paint exterior lintels on the County Courthouse, to be done as soon as weather permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the corrected Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Visa Credit Card Policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Fitness Standards Policy to be effective January 1, 2005 and the first fitness test will be June of 2006. Motion carried.

Duane Trosen addressed the board.

Dale Trosen addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor