

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

Judge Bohlman administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kvasager and Commissioner Yahna. Commissioner Triplett took the Oath prior to the meeting.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda with ICON Architects being added after item number 5. Motion carried.

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 #32824 thru Check #32967 in the amount of \$416,162.97, approval of overtime, approval of County Deeds and Veterans Service Office report. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to accept the proposal from ICON Architectural Group for the Grand Forks County Correctional Facility Study. The cost will be \$7,500 to be paid over three months in equal payments to be paid on the 10th of each month beginning January 10, 2005. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the attendance of Carole McMahon at a 2-day training seminar to be held in St Paul, MN on January 13th and 14th, 2005, on performing plan reviews. The cost for registration is \$200.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to allow the Chair to sign a letter of support for the continuation of the Regional Storm Water Coordination program and strongly encourage the EPA to fund the proposal. The County agreed to provide a cash match for two years of \$1000 per year for this effort. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to accept the report of the Accident Review Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to draft a letter with the Chair's signature requesting that the Grand Forks City Public Safety Committee conduct a traffic study on the intersection of 4th St South and Bruce Avenue. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2003 taxes from NRG Energy, Inc, on the leasehold interest on part of the W1/2 NW 1/4, section 36, 152-53, Mekinock Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to authorize the Chair to sign an Appraisal of State Land Required for Public Purposes. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to set Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 1:30 pm for Annual Bid Letting for Dragline Excavation, Gravel & Class 43 Aggregate and Materials & Supplies. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the resolution with Industrial Builders on project AC-BRC-1808(054) and allow the Chair to sign. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the resolution with Mayo Construction on project AC-SC-1819(056) and allow the Chair to sign. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to accept the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with CPS, Ltd., on the replacement of bridge number 18-134-8.0 over the Turtle River on County Highway 33 near Manvel. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to allow the Chair to sign the acceptance letter to Mayo Construction on the hot bituminous overlay projects SC-1822 (052) ad CP-0018(004). Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to cancel Carol Christiansen's employment contract and acknowledge her as a full-time regular employee, effective January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to allow the Chair to sign the Wildfire Mitigation Plan forms. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor