

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 4, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Triplett, Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna and Malm present. Commissioner Triplett participated via telephone from Bismarck.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to appoint States Attorney Peter Welte as the pro tem Chairman. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to appoint Murphy to serve as Chairman for the year 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to appoint Kvasager to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2005. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy made the following committee assignments:

Personnel Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Kvasager
Building Committee.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Finance Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy
Roads and Bridges.....	Commissioner Yahna
Law Enforcement.....	Commissioner Malm
City/County Communications.....	Commissioner Murphy
Emergency Management.....	Commissioner Malm
Northeast Human Services Advisory Board.....	Commissioner Murphy
Electronics/Computer.....	Commissioner Triplett
Red River Regional Committee..... Alternate	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Yahna

Metro Planning.....	Commissioner Malm
Solid Waste Management.....	Commissioner Malm
City/County Housing Authority.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Base Realignment.....	Commissioner Malm
Elections.....	Commissioner Triplett
Fair Board.....	Commissioner Kvasager
City/County Board of Health.....	Commissioner Kvasager
County Planning and Zoning.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Yahna
Economic Development.....	Commissioner Triplett
Alternate	Commissioner Yahna
City/County Airport.....	Commissioner Yahna
Fairground Land Task Force.....	Commissioner Yahna Commissioner Kvasager
Crime Reduction Grant Program.....	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Kvasager
Wellness Program.....	Commissioner Malm
Corrections Project.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Yahna
Red River Water Management Consortium.....	Commissioner Triplett
Alternate	Commissioner Kvasager

Chairman Murphy appointed States Attorney Peter Welte as parliamentarian for the board meetings.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order as the official procedure by which the Board of County Commissioners will conduct meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda with the County Deed being removed. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #33556 thru Check #33759 in the amount of \$260,519.66, approval of overtime and Sheriff’s Department 2004 Stats. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to set the County Board of Equalization for 4:30pm on June 7, 2005. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the Construction Engineering Services Agreement for project AC-BRC-1808(054) on bridge over Turtle River on County Hwy 33 at Manvel. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Strata Corporation and reduce the 2004 True and Full Value from \$750,000 to \$46,600 on the NW1/4 except 37 acres, Fairfield Township. Motion carried.

Kenneth Farrell addressed the board.

David Middleton addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to nominate David R. Middleton for a three year term on the County Water Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to cease nominations and to appoint David R. Middleton to a three year term on the County Water Board, beginning January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to nominate Frank W. Beaver for a three year term on the County Water Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to cease nominations and to appoint Frank W. Beaver to a three year term on the County Water Board, beginning January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to nominate Kenneth Edward Farrell for the unexpired term on the County Water Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to cease nominations and to appoint Kenneth Edward Farrell to the unexpired term on the County Water Board. The term will expire on December 31, 2006. Motion carried.

Robert Drees addressed the board.

Chairman Murphy called for nominations for the County Planning and Zoning Board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to nominate Lonny B. Winrich for the unexpired term on the County Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to nominate David A. Hagert for the unexpired term on the County Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to cease nomination for the unexpired term on the County Planning and Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kvasager requested a roll call vote.

Commissioner Malm voted for David A. Hagert
Commissioner Yahna voted for David A. Hagert
Commissioner Kvasager voted for Lonny B. Winrich
Commissioner Triplett voted for Lonny B. Winrich
Chairman Murphy voted for David A. Hagert

David A. Hagert was appointed for the unexpired term on the County Planning and Zoning Board. The term will expire on December 31, 2006.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to appoint Sue Eisenzimmer, Lee Jeanotte, William Murphy, John Rodgers and Robert Rost to the NE Human Service Advisory Board for two year terms, beginning January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, for Ed Nierode and Commissioners Malm and Yahna to write a policy for employee identification cards. Motion carried.

Judge Sonja Clapp addressed the board.

Debbie Garner, Assistant States Attorney, was introduced to the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor