

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 1, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #34283 thru Check #34430 in the amount of \$645,471.49, approval of overtime, approval of bond for check reissue and County Deeds on 44-2931-00008-000 and 42-0001-00042-000. Motion carried.

Robert Twedt addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the States Attorney to draft an agreement between the County and Robert Twedt, to allow Mr. Twedt to apply to the City of Grand Forks for a side yard variance on the northwest 25' of lot 7, block 3, Original Townsite, Grand Forks and if the variance is approved to allow him to purchase the property from the County. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, approve the purchase of a switch for the Sheriff's Department for \$3600 from the Computer Department's budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve \$2700 from the Computer Department's budget to purchase four computers to be used in the scanning stations. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve \$9,000 from the Computer Department's budget to upgrade the monitors to flat screens in various departments in the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve laptop computers for the Correctional Center and Juvenile Detention. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Employee Identification Card Policy as corrected. The policy will be contained in the Employee Policy Manual number 705. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board with the bids for the Highway Department.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to accept the low bids from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation, Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel & hauling, Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate, Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND for riveted copper steel culverts and aprons, Cretex Concrete Products North, Maple Grove, MN for concrete culverts and aprons, Johnston Fargo Culvert, Fargo, ND, for steel multi-plate arched culverts and Cretex Concrete Products North, Maple Grove, MN for pre-stressed concrete bridge beams. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to not open the bids for the Larimore Building demolition. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Activated Reserve/National Guard Policy, effective January 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Assistant Veteran's Service Officer reclassification from a grade 6 to a 7, effective January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator reclassification from a grade 8 to 10, effective January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to sign a resolution in support of SB2268 which is a bill for an Act to provide for waste rubber recycling, abatement and remediation of waste rubber tire stockpiles, and to recover the components of petroleum-based products. Motion carried with Triplett, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Yahna and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to accept the no-contract option with FSH Communications LLC for the payphone in the Grand Forks County Courthouse. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor