

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 6, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda, removing the Highway Department and Larry McEnroe and adding Todd Mitzel of ICON Architectural Group. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the items in the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #39124 thru Check #39347 in the amount of \$277,040.91, approval of overtime, approval of bonds for check reissue, approval of County Deeds on parcel numbers 46-0001-00247-002, 46-001-00487-000 and 49-1901-00063-003 and approval of Veterans Service Office report. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Rural Living Agreement and to incorporate it into the building permit process. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following changes: replace the four sewage hookups that were taken out in error by the contractor on the west side of the new Correctional Center building site at the contractor's expense, move the water hydrant to the west of new Correctional Center site at the County's expense and remove two power poles on the north side of the new Correctional Center site, which is part of the construction project and will be paid with construction funds. By shutting off the power to these two poles, the power will also be shut off to the two poles to the west of the new Correctional Center building site. The Fair Board will be responsible for getting power to those two poles. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the demolition of a dangerous building located at 1808 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Brenna Township and start the bidding process for the demolition. Motion carried.

Klaus Thiessen, EDC Director, addressed the board.

Jim Melland, EDC, addressed the board.

Duane Czapiewski, CVIC Co-Chair, addressed the board.

Joel Arneson, Attorney representing the Employee's Association, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2006 Preliminary Budget as presented with the following changes: an additional .5% COLA increase, \$8,000 be added to the Sheriff's Department's budget for locks for anhydrous tanks and \$2,400 be added to the States Attorney's salaries line item. Motion carried with Triplett, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Yahna and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to apply COLA's to all County Employees and Elected Officials, effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to set the public hearing on the final budget for September 20, 2005 at 4:30. Motion carried.

Michael Anson, Arvilla Village resident, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to increase Mr. Robert Wood's pay by 10%, effective September 1, 2005. Motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to increase Mr. Robert Wood's pay to \$60,000, effective September 1, 2005. Motion failed with Kvasager and Malm voting aye and Triplett, Yahna and Murphy voting nay.

Mr. Robert Wood's pay will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Arvin Kvasager would like to be considered for the NDCCA Board of Directors position.

The Chairman appointed Commissioner Kvasager and Ed Nierode to the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Relocation Committee.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2005.

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Arvin Kvasager, Vice Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor