

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 20, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Kvasager, Yahna, Malm and Triplett present. Chairman Murphy was absent. Vice Chairman Kvasager presided in his absence.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda moving item 16a before the Consent Agenda and to recess the County Commission meeting and convene as the Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the presiding Chairman to sign a letter asking JP Morgan to resign as Trustee of the Building Authority First Mortgage Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn the Building Authority meeting and reconvene the County Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, 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 #39501 thru Check #39529 and Check #39600 thru Check #39830 in the amount of \$846,064.07, approval of overtime, County Sheriff's Department transport stats and approval of a Local Permit for Arvilla Presbyterian Women's Association. Motion carried.

Leah Byzewski, Grand Forks County Historical Society Director, addressed the board.

Suellen Bateman, Grand Forks County Historical Society President, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve \$5,000 from the miscellaneous line item in the General Fund to be paid to the Grand Forks County Historical Society, which is allowed by NDCC § 11-11-53(1). Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2003, 2004 and 2005 mobile home taxes, from Harold & Marilyn Hanevold on 117 Prospect Avenue, Gilby, ND. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the change in administrative policy to check deeds for compliance with the County Subdivision Resolution as stated in the procedure memo dated 9/15/05. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the appropriation of \$1,000 to the Energy & Environmental Research Center for technical support and sponsorship of the Regional Storm Water Association Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the manufactured home permit application of Jerome and Mary Marlow to locate a 30' x 76' manufactured home on Lot 10, Block 1 of Clemetson's Second Subdivision. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to accept the low quote from Hansen Ford of \$13,232.00 on a 2005 Ford Explorer, in stock, with trade in of a 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to accept the low quote from Hansen Ford of \$31,214.75 on a 2006 one ton 4-wheel drive pickup truck. Motion carried.

The board opened a public hearing on the 2006 budget at 4:30.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve \$5,000 from the miscellaneous line item in the General Fund to be paid to the Grand Forks County Historical Society, which is allowed by NDCC § 11-11-53(1) in January 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the final budget of \$27,792,939. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Service Agreements with CVIC, Lutheran Social Services, Circle of Friends Humane Society, Summer Performing Arts Company and the Shelter for the Homeless. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to allocate up to \$10,000 from the General Fund miscellaneous line item to start a voluntary locks for anhydrous tanks program in Grand Forks County. Motion carried, with Kvasager, Triplett and Malm voting aye and Yahna voted nay.

Augie Ternes, Audit Manager, Office of the State Auditor, presented the 2004 audited financial statements.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for August 2005.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Michael Anson, Arvilla Village resident, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to recess for a closed executive session. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to end the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Triplett will write a response to the Grand Forks County Employees Association.

Lisa Davis, GF Herald, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor