

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 15, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, 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 #40948 thru Check #41177 in the amount of \$1,065,413.06, approval of overtime, Veterans Service Office Report and approval of County Deeds on parcel numbers 12-2604-00002-000, 46-0001-00476-001 and 46-0001-00474-000. Motion carried.

Duane Czapiewski, CVIC Board Member, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to amend the 2006 budget and moved the \$25,000 in the States Attorney's budget for the Crime Victim Witness Program to Contracted Services, CVIC and include this program in their service agreement. Motion carried with Triplett, Yahna and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for St. Anne's Building Corporation, subject to a public hearing on December 6, 2005 at 4:30. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Chairman Murphy called the County Commission meeting back to order.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve Bridgie Hansen's reclassification from grade 16 to grade 17, with a pay increase of 5%, effective November 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to contact Carol Olson, ND Department of Human Services, and ask for a response to the letter from the County Commissioners regarding the Food Stamp Performance Bonus and ask if the deadline for returning the funds could be extended to December 6th. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve back pay for Bridgie Hansen in the amount of \$6,046 for an incorrect anniversary date the past 10 years. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, It has been more than five years since the last citizens study of Grand Forks County Government; and

Whereas, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 40-01.1 requires that city and county governments periodically review governmental structure and cooperation between governmental agencies; and

Whereas, The last advisory study committee studied the impacted of restructuring the County Administrative Office and on August 21, 2001 the Board of County Commissioners adopted a motion to proceed with the integration of the four administrative departments into two departments, and changed the department heads from elected to appointed positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a local advisory study committee be commissioned to review the options available to county government. The study committee is directed to focus at least part of its attention on a study of the water and land resources within the county; including the potential for better cooperation between the county and the cities located within the county, as well as the potential for better cooperation between the County Commission, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the County Water Resource Board, and other potential partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the local advisory study committee be made up of the following members from Grand Forks County: Two members from the Grand Forks County Commission, one member from County Planning and Zoning Board, one member from the Water Resource Board, one Grand Forks County Employee member, one representative from Grand Forks City, one representative from one of the nine small cities within Grand Forks County, one representative from Township governance and one resident from Grand Forks County. All shall serve without compensation but will be entitled to receive actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The local advisory study committee is charged with the responsibility of providing the Grand Forks County Commission with a report detailing any recommendations on or before May 16, 2006.

Dated at Grand Forks, North Dakota, this 15th day of November 2005. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioners Kvasager and Yahna to serve on this committee.

Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioner Kvasager to attend the Local Public Health Planning Session on December 12, 2005 in Jamestown, ND.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chairman's signature on the 2006-2007 Revised Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to recess the County Commission meeting and convene as the Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to authorize Commissioner Triplett and Debbie Nelson to sign as Issuer Representatives to the Trustee in matters regarding the First Mortgage Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager to adjourn the Building Authority meeting and reconvene the County Commission meeting.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm, the next meeting will be held on December 6, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor