

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Murphy was presented with a plaque in recognition of being Chairman for the year of 2005.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda, adding Steve Johnson, Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority after item number 4 and moving item number 12 to after item number 13. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #112370 thru Check #112574 and Check #112716 thru Check #112742 in the amount of \$686,823.61, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Stats, approval of bond for check reissue and Grand Forks Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Steve Johnson, Executive Director of the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, 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 metal and concrete culverts, Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc., Fargo, ND for steel section plate pipe and pipe arches and Cretex Concrete Products North, Maple Grove, MN for precast and prestressed bridge beams. Motion carried.

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

Mel Carsen, Grand Forks City Assessor, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to deny the abatement application on the 2005 taxes for Dudley and Corrine Benson. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the abatement applications on the 2003, 2004 and 2005 taxes for Larry Rosecrans. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve, in part, as recommended by the Property and Records Director, the abatement application on the 2005 taxes on parcel number 02-2301-00002-0000 for Sue A. Russell. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve, in part, as recommended by the Property and Records Director, the abatement application on the 2005 taxes on parcel number 02-2302-00002-0000 for Sue A. Russell. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the bill from Grand Forks City IS Department for modifying the Grand Forks City's Assessing Program for Grand Forks County's use in the amount of \$2,520, to be paid from the Property and Record's consulting services line item. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$500,000 North Dakota Mortgage Revenue Bonds for the Easter Seals Goodwill ND, Inc. Project. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Finance and Tax Office. The bonds will be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for the Special Olympics, subject to a public hearing on March 7, 2006. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of an ITV station for one of the courtrooms in the Grand Forks County Courthouse for \$29,000 to be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to change the Planning and Zoning meeting from March 14th to the first week in March. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on a Contract for Defense Services with the Spaeth Law Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve G-2 Change Order on the contract with Construction Engineers for \$4,950 on the Correctional Center project. Motion carried.

Motion by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. Motion carried.

Chairman Kvasager ended the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Chairman Kvasager appointed Robert Wood and Ed Nierode to gather information on the current rate per square foot on office space located in downtown Grand Forks and report back to the Commission.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to accept the proposal from Legend Technical Services, Inc. for \$2,095 to test the current Correctional Center for asbestos, lead paint and hazardous materials. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve out-of-state travel for Ed Nierode to attend the Winter Forum National Association of Communities seminar March 5th-7th in San Diego, CA, to be paid by the BRAC Working Group. Motion carried.

Chairman Kvasager appointed himself and Debbie Nelson to be part of a public forum, at Grand Forks City, regarding being an elected official and how to run for elected office.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2006 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award in the amount of \$10,356. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the following 2005 budget amendments:

<u>FUND#</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000	General Fund	361,620.03
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>		
2120	County Reserve	501,911.26
2156	FEMA 2004	214,182.95
2157	FEMA 2005	827,935.46
2210	Social Services	94,001.45
2310	Historical Society	117.12
2350	Senior Citizens	14,417.04
2410	County Fair	2,682.72
2505	Crime Prevention	1,158.23
2520	GF Narcotics Task Force	503.98
2550	Victim's Reparation Program	1,574.30
2938	Insurance Reserve	22,935.31
2950	Economic Development	9,695.82
2965	Health District	3,126.33
2970	Weed Control	13,453.90
2980	Correction Center	107,429.44

2989	Parking Ramp Maintenance	50.00
7001	County Recorder Technology	38,059.74
8006	Water Resource District	17,176.75
8007	County Library	13,360.69
8008	RR Joint Management	6,878.15
8010	Ambulance	10,622.71
8019	Airport Authority	866.01
8033	Eastern Soil Conservation Dist.	1,342.35
 <u>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</u>		
2986	Lease Revenue Bonds 2003	425.51
2987	Limited Tax Bonds 2000	338,335.00

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the AFLAC Reimbursement Services Agreement, the Flex One Account Establishment Information and Checklist and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor