

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of the agenda adding Dean Dahl after the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include an employee status changes for Jared R. Drengson, Michael J. Munkeby, Ryan Gilberg, Kenneth William Freeman, Amanda Jean Sawyer, Michael T. Pitcher and Michael A. Degan, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #115236 thru Check #115309, Check #115445 thru Check #115469, Check #115310 thru Check #115444 in the amount of \$416,230.37, overtime, Veterans Service Office Report and Game of Chance Permit for Grand Forks County 4-H. Motion carried.

Tom Saddler, Veterans Service Officer, and Deb Johnson, Prairie Harvest Human Services Foundation, addressed the board.

Moved Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Prairie Harvest Human Services Foundation, Grand Forks County and Northeast Human Service Center. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Kvasager moved that Minn Dak Growers, Ltd application for adjustment of taxes be heard at the County Board of Equalization.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the ND Department of Transportation Federal Aid Program sheet with the addition of a request for Special Program dollars for a joint project with Traill County on County Road 9. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to submit a letter to the North Dakota Congressional Delegation requesting funding for the Thompson bridge. Motion carried.

States Attorney Peter Welte has written the letter and will forward it on for the Chair's signature.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Contract and Contract Bond on project SC-1801(057) on County Road 33 from Manvel to Gilby. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit for Xcel Energy on County Road 81. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to purchase four computers for Johnson Control for the Courthouse, County Office Building and the Correctional Center at a cost of approximately \$3,000 to be paid from the Computer Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to purchase two additional lap top computers for the States Attorney's Office at a cost of approximately \$2,800 to be paid from the Computer Budget. Motion carried with Murphy, Triplett, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Yahna voting nay.

At 4:30pm the Chairman opened the public hearing for the St. Anne's Bldg Corporation Project MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$725,000 North Dakota Senior Housing Revenue Bonds for the St. Anne's Building Corporation 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.

The Grand Forks County Commission board recessed and convened as the Grand Forks County Board of Equalization.

The Grand Forks County Commission board reconvened.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to pursue a Hazard Mitigation Grant for Vicki Machovsky residence located in the SE1/4 of Section 7 in Gilby Township and for the County to continue to pay 11.25% of the residence buyout for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and 15% of the remaining costs which includes appraisal, management fees and demolition costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Manufactured Home Permit for John Litzinger on Lot 5 Block 1 of Gregoire's Housing Tract in Section 1 of Blooming Township, with the following condition; The planning department shall receive the completed septic design for the site, that meets State plumbing code prior to Planning Staff signing the Manufactured Home Permit. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to Mr. Fred Kuhn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Motion carried.

The Red River Water Management Consortium (RRWMC) requested that the County Commissioners prioritize their basinwide focus area topics: 1 – Digital Elevation Data Analysis, 2 – Assessment of Tile Drainage, 3- Alternative Water Supply Investigations, 4- Phosphorus Transport and Fate Study, 5- TMDL Modeling/Education Outreach and 6- Mercury Reduction Assessment.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair and Commissioner Triplett signatures on the letter to Gale Watkins, Grant Analyst, US Marshals Service, not accepting the current offer on the Intergovernmental Service Agreement Number 59-06-0078. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor