

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 19, 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 Triplett, to delete from the minutes of the September 5, 2006 meeting that portion regarding Elected Officials pay that was not part of the motion made regarding the 2007 market pay plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2006 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of the agenda removing item #5 Base Realignment Impact Committee and adding Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator along with #12 Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #117829 thru Check #117866 and Check #117947 thru Check#118178 in the amount of \$1,319,345.94, employee status changes for Brent Matthew Logan, Jeff R. Fabian, Lance M. Anderson, Kenneth Amundson, R. Tim Pasley, Donald Lee McDowell and Roderick I. Kelley, overtime, Bonds for Check Reissue and Game of Chance Permits for Arvilla Presbyterian Women' Association and Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School PTO. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to notify the Agassiz Estates Addition residents, immediately, that the Grand Forks County Highway Department will continue the road maintenance for a period of 6 months, ending April 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chairman's signature on the 2007-2008 County Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the lease of three new motor- graders under a seven year lease agreement, subject to review by the States Attorney. Motion carried.

Marlene Johnson, Public Health Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to allow the Public Health Department to have murals painted on masonite board that will be attached to the walls in their playroom located on the third floor of the County Office Building. Motion carried.

Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, did not have a States Attorney's Report.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board. The public hearing on the 2007 Budget was opened.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 budget request by the Greater GF Community Service & Restitution Program for \$23,309 and lower the cash carry forward balance by the same amount. Motion failed with Malm and Triplett voting aye and Murphy, Yahna and Kvasager voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to table the Department Head pay that is to be included in the 2007 Budget until the next Personnel Meeting. Motion carried.

Dave Sena, Director of the Shelter for the Homeless, thanked the County Commission for their support.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2007 Final Budget of \$30,513,267. 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 Malm, seconded by Yahna, 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 Malm, seconded by Murphy, to open the bids for the sale of the old Social Services Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to waive the technicality of a cashier's check in place of the bid bond. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

Dakota Commercial & Development Co.	\$56,750
Tom Potter	\$ 8,500
Great Plains Properties Inc.	\$27,000

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to receive the bids and turn them over to the Building Committee and the States Attorney for their review and they will bring back their recommendation at the next meeting. The bid bond and the Cashier Check that was received in place of the bid bond on the two low bids should be released. Motion carried with Murphy, Triplett and Kvasager voting aye and Malm and Yahna voting nay.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for the UND Research Foundation Project, subject to a public hearing on October 17, 2006. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Jon Ramsey, Assurity Finance & Development LLC, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for Valley Homes and Services, subject to a public hearing on October 17, 2006. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the purchase of the a Courthouse access and camera system from Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. for \$4,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the proposal from Bergstrom Electric to install the wiring for the Simplex Fire System in Juvenile Detention Center for \$4,280 and the proposal from Accurint Controls for a computer/intercom/door control system for \$10,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the ordering of a 2007 SUV from Hansen Ford for \$23,490 plus options of \$1,675 to be paid from the 2007 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to allow Commissioner Triplett, the Law Enforcement Commissioner, Major Mike Fonder and Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, to decide whether or not the County should acquire a free van that has known problems to be used as food transportation vehicle. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Zoning and Subdivision Resolution Update. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chairman's signature on the floodplain administration sponsorship letter. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the application of Richard Kinney for the Plat of Turtle River View Estates Third Addition, Section 4, Ferry Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the application of Richard Kinney for the Plat of Turtle River View Estates Fourth Addition, Section 4, Ferry Township, with the following conditions: The applicant shall submit to the Planning Department copies of the maintenance agreements for the roads and stormwater facilities to the Planning Department signing off on the plat, and the Grand Forks County Planning Department receives from the developer a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$6,900 dollars as a financial guarantee for road construction and implementation of the drainage plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the application of Jerry and Julie Higgins for a Special Use Permit to operate a home-extended business in Section 29 of Bentru Township, with the following condition: all business related equipment be stored indoors or properly screened from neighboring properties. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the application of Mike Harris of Enbridge Pipeline for a Special Use Permit to construct a crude oil pumping station on an existing pipeline in Section 25, Elm Grove Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the application of Mike Harris of Enbridge Pipeline for a Special Use Permit for a variance from the road requirements of a single lot subdivision associated with the site in Section 25, Elm Grove Township, with the following condition: the applicant submit a copy of the proposed deed restriction for the property prior to Planning Staff approving the one lot subdivision. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding the need for an Executive Session. He asked Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, to comment on this issue.

Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, stated that he did not think the Commission would need to move into an Executive Session and that he had spoken to Administrator Gardner who had prepared a response to the letter from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to take care of any problems found in the Correctional Center. As long as the Commission stays within those guidelines this could be taken care of at an open meeting.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to have Peter Welte, Commissioner Triplett and Gary Gardner to meet tomorrow to go through the Order for Compliance and Gary Gardner's response and make sure that what is being proposed by Mr. Gardner is sufficient to remedy the violations and to contact the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and ask for additional information regarding the Order of Compliance. Motion carried.

Deb Schuler, Greater GF Community Service & Restitution, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the changes to Ed Nierode and Debbie Nelson's job descriptions and to forward Debbie Nelson's job description on to Dorothy Persons. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Merit Pay Guidelines for 2006, effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to look at having pavers installed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street berm across from the Courthouse in another year. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to cancel the property taxes on parcel number 45-0001-00004-000, 45-0001-00041-000 and 45-2301-00018-000 and sell them to Inkster City for \$20.00 each. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to purchase a property tax payment drop box from American Security Cabinets for \$1418. Motion failed.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.  
The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2006.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, Auditor