

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 3, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Yahna, Triplett, Malm and Murphy present. Commissioner Kvasager absent. Vice Chairman Yahna chaired the meeting in Chairman Kvasager's absence.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #118179 thru Check #118204 and Check #118241 thru Check#118412 and Check #118205 thru Check #118240 in the amount of \$425,214.56, employee status changes for Amber Sieber, Deana Mayotte, Garlynn Helmoski and Meredith Larson, overtime, Game of Chance Permit for Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics, County Deeds on parcel number 45-0001-00004-000, 45-0001-00041-000, and 45-2301-00018-000 and the Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Klaus Thiesson, President, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation, addressed the board.

Rick Duquette, Grand Forks City Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chair's signature on the Office of Economic Adjustment Proposal. Motion carried.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the National Emergency Grant. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chair's signature on a Letter of Agreement between the City of East Grand Forks and Grand Forks County, pertaining to the financial payment for the economic impact study being conducted by The Concourse Group. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on an extension of the Lease Agreement with Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation from October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, with a 30 day cancellation option by either party. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Captain Linda Wagner, Grand Forks County Correctional Center, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Declaration of Application Spending Plan Consensus regarding the 2006 State Homeland Security Program and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board regarding removing the name search option on the County's website.

Jerry Youngberg, Realtor, addressed the board.

Dean Dahl was instructed to re-activate the name search option on the County's website. Dean Dahl and Peter Welte were directed to bring back a policy to the County Commission that would address when a name could be removed from the website.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the option of purchasing a computer server for the States Attorney's Office, for approximately \$3,000 to be paid from the States Attorney's budget, if no other options can be found to resolve the computer problems in the States Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to accept the bid from T&S Snow Removal for snow removal at the new Correctional Center for the 2006/2007 winter season. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

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

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to have the Highway Department remove five old appliances off of a lot owned by the County located in the town site of Kempton. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to direct the States Attorney to take action on the Richard Weiner property at 1640 23rd Ave NE, Rye Township, in regards to subdivision 15 of the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution, "Storage of Junk, Litter, Waste and Other Materials." Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 5 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus an amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for October 17, 2006 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding the September 25, 2006 response to the letter from Leann Bertsch, Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation dated September 18, 2006 and the corresponding Order

for Compliance. Mr. Welte stated that he has received the Bureau of Criminal Investigations review and will forward a copy to all Commissioners.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to deem the highest bidder on the old Social Services Building not to be sufficient. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to sell the old Social Services Building by a nonexclusive listing agreement according NDCC § 11-27-03.1. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the filling the vacancy in the Assistant Tax Director position and forward the revised job description on to Dorothy Person for reclassification. Motion carried.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board regarding hiring a full time nurse for the Correctional Center. The board decided that Commissioner Triplett, Gary Gardner, Ed Nierode and Don Shields should meet to discuss the need for an additional nurse and bring back an answer to the next meeting.

Ed Nierode was directed to contact the Northland Rescue Mission to see if they are interested in the showers from the old work release building. Motion carried.

Captain Linda Wagner, Grand Forks County Correctional Center, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the request to hire six additional Correctional Officers at a cost of \$228,613 to be paid from the Emergency Fund if allowed by law and if not from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode will write the Health Insurance Policy and will forward it on to Peter Welte for approval and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to set the employees contribution for all health insurance plans to be 18% beginning January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to sponsor the Grand Forks County 4-H Organization at a cost of \$34 for the 2005-2006 award program. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm. The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2006.

Martin Yahna, Vice Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor