

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 17, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2006 special meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2006 and the September 28, 2006 special meetings. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include employee status changes for Brett J. Anderson, Stephen C. Glidwell, Dean J. Howes, Monica Lopez, Dylan L. Schneider and Brian S. Solberg, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #118413 thru Check #118462 and Check #118756 thru Check#118990 in the amount of \$990,422.89, overtime, County Deeds on parcel number 45-0001-00007-0000 and 44-1206-00085-000, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics, Forest Stewardship Tax Law Application for Ernest and Louise Rethemeier. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board regarding the American Disability Act (ADA) ramp on the front of the Grand Forks County Courthouse.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the concept having an ADA ramp for the front of the Courthouse and allow ICON Architectural Group to design a 3D drawing and an estimate of the cost of the project. The design would then be brought to the Historical Society for their approval. The cost for ICON Architectural Group to do this would be \$2,000. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to accept the recommendation from the County Building Official to demolish the dangerous building located on Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, Townsite of McCanna, Elm Grove Township and forward the matter to the States Attorney to place bids for the demolition of the building. The cost of the demolition will be assessed on the owner's property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to accept the recommendation from the County Building Official to demolish the dangerous building located on Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 10, Townsite of McCanna, Elm Grove Township and forward the matter to the States Attorney to place bids for the demolition of the building. The cost of the demolition will be assessed on the owner's property taxes. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, pointed out that the owner of the dangerous buildings was notified that a hearing would be held at 4:45pm, so the final action that was made regarding those buildings might have to be revisited if the owner comes for the public hearing.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, stated that he was in contact with the Insurance Reserve Fund today regarding a claim that has been assigned. He stated that this is sufficient to close the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried. The Board met in executive session for approximately 9 minutes.

At 4:30pm the Chairman opened the public hearing for the Valley Homes and Services Project MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

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

Greg Hanson, Valley Memorial Homes, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$2,000,000 Nursing Facility Revenue Bonds for the Valley Homes and Services Project. It appears that the impact and effect of the issue upon existing industry and business will not result in an unfair advantage for the proposed project to the substantial detriment of existing enterprises. 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 the total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the UND Research Foundation Project MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

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

Jim Petell, Executive Director, UND Research Foundation, addressed the board.

Rick Tonder, UND Planner, addressed the board.

Brian Osowski, Bremer Bank, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$6,500,000 Mortgage Revenue Bonds for University of North Dakota Research Foundation Project, contingent upon the receipt of the signed lease from the University of North Dakota confirming the debt service on the bonds. The Commission also requested copies of the Letters of Intent from potential partners, if available. It appears that the impact and effect of the issue upon existing industry and business will

not result in an unfair advantage for the proposed project to the substantial detriment of existing enterprises. 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 the total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to note that Mrs. Sears was not present for the hearing on the Dangerous Buildings in Elm Grove Township. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to remove parcel number 49-3131-00094-027 from the Delinquent Tax Sale Property list. Motion carried.

A 2006 Property Appraisal Hearing was held. No objections were noted.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the prices and set the property sale for November 21, 2006 at 2:00pm in the County Commission Room, County Office Building. Terms of sale are cash or check only. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the purchase of two 2007 Ford Crown Victoria's to be paid from the Sheriff's Department budget. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to consider moving the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department into the first floor of the old Correctional Center and to allow Mr. Nierode to approach the City of Grand Forks regarding Public Health paying rent for their space in the County Office Building. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hill said he thinks it is a good idea to explore moving into the old Correctional Center.

Ed Nierode reported that he had met with Commissioner Triplett, Gary Gardner, Don Shields and Debbie Swanson to discuss the Correctional Center's need for an additional nurse. It was decided that the Correctional Center will continue to contract with Public Health for nursing services, but that the hours will be increased to keep up with the work required.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve a 2.5% merit pay increase for Cathy Westensee, Lynn Johnson, Linda Funkhouser, Michelle Olson, Deana Mayotte, David Jones, Dale Rivard and Candy Hess, effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve a 2.5% merit pay increase for Nancy Yon, effective July 1, 2007 at which time she will be at step 6 on the County's pay scale. Chairman Kvasager stepped down as Chairman and made a substitute motion, seconded by Murphy, to approve a 2.5% merit pay increase for Nancy Yon, effective January 1, 2007. Substitute motion failed with Kvasager and Murphy voting aye and Yahna,

Triplett and Malm voting nay. Main motion carried with Triplett, Malm and Yahna voting aye and Kvasager and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to deny the merit pay increase for Tamera Stanley because she has not yet reached step 6 on the County's pay scale and is therefore not eligible for the merit increase per current County policy. Motion carried with Triplett, Malm and Yahna voting aye and Kvasager and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the proposed 2007 health insurance policy with the following change: Grandfathered employees, those hired prior to November 30, 2006, who may revert or enroll in the single plan, are entitled to the subsidy established for the fiscal year 2007 provided this is their primary medical coverage. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for a Special Meeting at 10:00am on Thursday, October 19, 2006. The topic will be Correctional Center Issues.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Juvenile Justice Title VI Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson was directed to send a letter to First Link regarding their request for funding.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2006.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, Auditor