

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 7, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

Judge Clapp administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Malm, Murphy and Knauf.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Craig McGoven, Valerie Crane, Donald Porter, Ryan Peterson, Jared Drengson, Jodi Spain and Stephen Gildwell, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #120085 thru Check #120269 in the amount of \$386,767.19, approval of County Deed on parcel number 42-0001-00009-000, GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics, Veterans Service Office report and set Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 1:30pm for the Annual Bid Letting for Dragline & Excavation, Gravel & Class 43 Aggregate and Materials & Supplies. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Broadband Connectivity Request for Proposals. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approved the Elected Official's salaries as recommended by the Finance Committee, \$10,000 increase for the Sheriff and a 2.5% step increase and a 2.7% COLA for the States Attorney, effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy and Knauf voting aye and Malm and Triplett voting nay.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to forward to the State's Attorneys Office the zoning violation on Lot 12 of Block 10 and Lots 1,2, and 3 of Block 15 in the town of McCanna, Elm Grove Township. The State's Attorney shall put out for bids to have the violation abated and have all cost assessed against the property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to table the zoning violation on the property located at 1731 36th NE, Arvilla Township until the next County Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending legal issues, according to NDCC § 44-04-19.1. Motion carried. The time was 4:47pm.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried. The time was 4:56pm.

ICON Architectural Group will be asked to be at the next Commission Meeting to discuss the old Correctional Center remodel project.

Commissioner Triplett will inform the Correctional Center that they can sign up for an interpretation service.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the writing of a Court Facilities Improvement Grant Application for improvements to the Courthouse basement for record storage, to be approved at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the selling of two old freezers located at the old Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve an exception to County policy and allow four Correctional Center employees to carryover more than the 240 vacation hours because of the unique position the Correctional Center staff has been in. Avis Borst, Mike Mack and Wayne Mack will be allowed to carryover until March 15, 2007 and Linda Wagner until June 15, 2007. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode asked the Commissioners to review the new Grand Forks County Employee Policy and Procedure Manual and it will be discuss at the next Commission meeting.

Ray Dohman addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm. The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor