

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 19, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda with Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, added after the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change for Amy Opperud, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #120414 thru Check #120442, Check #120545 thru Check #120811 in the amount of \$662,301.70, approval of overtime, approval of Liquor and Beer Licenses for Grand Forks Country Club, Hitching Post Bar & Grill and Riverview Golf Course, Inc. and approval of County Deed on parcel number 44-3113-00321-002. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of a scanner, to be used by the Sheriff's Department, at an estimated cost of \$3300 to be paid from the Computer Budget. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Captain Wagner, Correctional Center Interim Administrator, addressed the board.

David Obermiller, Obermiller Nelson Engineering, addressed the board.

Al Morkin, Public Service Answering Point Director, addressed the board.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve option #2 of ICON Architectural Group's proposal, less the ADA Courthouse Ramp and less Alternate #1 the first floor air handling unit and the Alternate #2 the triple glazing high efficiency windows for the remodeling project at the old Correctional Center. The total cost for the County will be \$1,292,467. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Architect Agreement with ICON Architectural Group on the old Correctional Center remodel project. Motion carried.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application of Jason Bakke on parcel number 46-0001-00296-0001 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$93,900 to \$67,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the abatement application of Brian & Dianne Cobb on parcel number 46-0001-00165-000 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value form \$135,300 to \$88,000, and deny the application for 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application of Bruce & Brenda Voelker on parcel number 46-0001-00165-000 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$143,000 to \$88,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to set the date and time of the 2007 County Board of Equalization for June 5, 2007 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

The following applications had been received for the Planning and Zoning Board: Paul Erickson, David Hagert and Robert White. Chairman Kvasager asked for further nominations, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to appoint Paul Erickson, David Hagert and Robert White to the Planning and Zoning Board for four year terms beginning January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

The following applications had been received for the Grand Forks County Water Board: Kenneth Farrell, Gordon E. Thompson, Dennis Anderson and Lisa Powell Beaver. Chairman Kvasager asked for further nominations, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed. Ballots were cast and there was a majority vote for Kenneth Farrell and Gordon E. Thompson.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Kenneth Farrell and Gordon E. Thompson for three year terms to the Grand Forks County Water Board beginning January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

The following applications had been received for the NE Human Service Advisory Board: Sue Eisenzimmer, Lee Jeanotte, William Murphy, John Rodgers and Robert Rost. Chairman Kvasager asked for further nominations, there were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Sue Eisenzimmer, Lee Jeanotte, William Murphy, John Rodgers and Robert Rost for two year terms to the NE Human Service Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application of Robert Christopher for Christopher Subdivision located in section 6 of Falconer Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the rezoning request of Robert Christopher to rezone 5 acres from A-1 to A-3 indicated on the Christopher Subdivision plat. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to forward to the State's Attorneys Office the zoning violation on 1731 36th Street NE, Arvilla 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.

Robert Drees, South Grand Forks Bypass Coalition, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to refer Robert Drees with the South Forks Bypass Coalition to the Planning and Zoning Department to determine if the South Forks Bypass could be added to the Grand Forks County Transportation plan and bring the matter back to the Commission in a month with a recommendation. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm indicated that he had discussed with the Polk County Chairman regarding a joint meeting to discuss the Merrifield bridge question. The Polk County Chairman will set up a meeting.

Captain Wagner, Correctional Center Interim Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to add nine additional Correctional Center Officers. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to reclassify the Correctional Center Sergeants to non-exempt employees effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve Debbie Nelson signature on the Department of the Air Force Statement of Work Agreement to house people at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center at a rate of \$70.00 per day. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to amend the 2007 Sheriff's Department budget Vehicle line item by \$35,000. Motion carried.

Captain Wagner, Correctional Center Interim Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to amend the 2006 Correctional Center budget Counseling Fee line item by \$4500 and the 2007 budget by \$18,000. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy, Knauf and Triplett voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chairman's signature on a Court Facilities Improvement Grant application for improvements to the Courthouse. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to authorize Finance Chairman Murphy to approve any bills that come in before the end of the 2006 year. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor