

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 16, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Malm, Triplett, Murphy, Knauf, and Kvasager present. Commissioner Triplett participated via telephone from Bismarck.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda adding Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, after item number 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #121201 thru Check #121430 in the amount of \$643,911.09, approval of overtime and approval of bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase and installation of a dishwasher for the Juvenile Detention Center at an estimated cost of \$8,000 to be paid from the Juvenile Detention budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following securities as pledged: Alerus Financial, \$69,173,957.83, Bremer Bank, N.A., \$2,250,000.00, First State Bank, \$1,950,000, United Valley Bank, \$2,696,034.71, US Bank, N.A., \$3,517,246.88 and Wells Fargo Bank, \$10,503,984.94. Motion carried.

Tom Saddler, Veterans Service Officer, gave the Veterans Service Office 2006 Annual Update.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve advertising for bids for one new backhoe loader with a 1993 Caterpillar Model 416B backhoe loader trade-in. Motion carried.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board..

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the abatement application for Todd and Sheryl Fairley on parcel number 35-4302-00014-000 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$165,800 to \$147,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve, in part, the abatement applications for Roland Flattum-Riemers on parcel number 42-1604-00033-000 and reduce the 2005

True and Full Value from \$100,700 to \$67,000 and the 2006 True and Full Value from \$103,800 to \$69,000. Motion carried.

Roland Riemers, Emerado, ND, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to refer Roland Riemers' request to the States Attorney's Office to work with the City of Emerado to resolve this issue. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Agreement for Performance of Assessing Duties for the City of Inkster. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve replacing the computers in the Recorder's workroom to be paid from the Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Building and Grounds Department to be paid from the Computer budget. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have Lane Magnuson write a letter to the Metropolitan Planning Organization in support of the Merrifield Road/I-29 Interchange project and ask them to re-evaluate future traffic volumes and subsequent impacts on the traffic model. Mr. Magnuson will bring the letter back for the Chairman's signature. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an extension on the recording of the KT Subdivision plat until June 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the agreement with the City of Grand Forks for the detention of prisoners. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to table Sheriff Hill's request to change the status of one employee from temporary to permanent and review it after a couple of months. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Chairman Malm asked the Commissioners to let Ed Nierode know if they would like to attend the National Association of Counties Conference by January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chairman's signature on the modified BRAC contract with Job Service North Dakota. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Correctional Center Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2007.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor