

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 2, 2008 – 4:00 P.M

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Knauf, Malm, Schmisek and Pic present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to appoint States Attorney Peter Welte as the pro tem Chairman. Motion carried.

Judge Kleven administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Schmisek and Pic.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to appoint Commissioner Murphy to serve as Chairman from December 2008 to November 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to appoint Commissioner Knauf to serve as Vice Chairman from December 2008 to November 2009. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy made the following committee assignments:

Internal Committee Assignments

Personnel Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Knauf
Building Committee.....	Commissioner Knauf Commissioner Schmisek
Finance Committee.....	Commissioner Knauf
Roads and Bridges.....	Commissioner Pic
Law Enforcement.....	Commissioner Schmisek
Elections.....	Commissioner Murphy
Wellness Program.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Pic
Base Realignment.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Schmisek

External Board Assignments

Emergency Management.....	Commissioner Knauf
Emergency 911.....	Commissioner Schmisek
Northeast Human Services Advisory Board.....	Commissioner Pic (2 yrs)
Red River Regional Council..... Alternate	Commissioner Pic (2 yrs) Commissioner Knauf
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).....	Commissioner Malm

Fair Board.....	Commissioner Schmisek
City/County Board of Health.....	Commissioner Pic
County Planning and Zoning.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Knauf
GF Region Economic Development Corporation..... Alternate	Commissioner Schmisek Commissioner Malm
GF Airport Authority.....	Commissioner Malm
Red River Water Management Consortium..... Alternate	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Pic

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Ashley Beall and Stacey Dahl; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#135831-136294 in the amount of \$1,866,401.78; overtime; County Deeds on parcel number 04-1802-00005-000, 32-5801-00001-000 and 44-1101-00070-000; and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics. Motion carried.

The request for a New or Expanding Business Exemption for Dakota IV W, LLC will be held until December 16, 2008.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for Alfred Johnson on parcel number 44-2203-00115-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$42,000 to \$32,400. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm said because this law allows an exemption for disabled veterans, he asked if there were safe guards in place to return the property to full value if it is sold. Ms. Vaughn indicated that there were and Ms. Barb Zavala, Veterans Service Officer, said that they have created an affidavit that must be completed by the disabled veteran that gives authorization to the Veterans Service Office to obtain the percentage of service-connected disability and that information will be shared with the Tax Equalization Office.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement application for Gary Masilko on parcel number 44-2920-00386-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$212,400 to \$164,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to set the date and time of the 2009 County Board of Equalization for June 2, 2009 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to set the Highway Department's Annual Bid Letting for February 3, 2009 at 1:30pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chairman's signature on Termination of License granted to the Federal Government on Tract no. FK106L, FK602L, FK902L, FG1101L, FG603L, FG704L, F1204L, and F1404L. Motion carried.

The Chair directed Richard Onstad along with Peter Welte to draft a letter to the North Dakota Department of Transportation regarding State funding for all or some of the local share for the Thompson Bridge project. The letter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Barb Zavala, Veterans Service Officer/Public Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the purchase of a copier to be used and paid for by the Veterans Service Office, Public Administrator and the Director of Administration at a cost of \$677 from each budget. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the proposed amendments regarding the electronic sign regulations to the County Zoning Resolution. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Quit Claim Deed on parcel 48-3130-00003-000 to correct an error in the legal description from a County Deed dated November 15, 1960 from the County of Grand Forks to Allan Runyan. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the Application for Court Facilities Improvement Grant Funds. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the 2009 meeting dates for the Grand Forks County Commission to be the first and third Tuesday of each month. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm. The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2008.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor