

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2008 – 4:00 P.M

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

Mr. Arvin Kvasager and Ms. Constance Triplett were presented with plaques in recognition of their years of service on the Grand Forks County Commission.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Amanda Haas, Shellie Smette and Ryan Hanon; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#136296-136340, #136435-136682 in the amount of \$459,198.05; overtime; Liquor/Beer Licenses for Grand Forks Country Club, Rivers Edge Golf Course and the Hitching Post Bar and Grill; and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics. Motion carried.

Nick Brown, Brown Corporation, addressed the board regarding the New or Expanding Business Exemption for Dakota IV W, LLC. The public hearing was noticed and was held at the December 2, 2008 meeting. A letter was emailed to Peter Welte, States Attorney, by David J. Eilertson, General Counsel for Brown Corporations, requesting that the Grand Forks County Commission consider granting a payment in lieu of taxes option for Brown Corporation.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to deny the application of Dakota IV W, LLC for a New or Expanding Business Exemption because the application was not filed timely. Motion carried.

The Commission did not consider a payment in lieu of taxes for Dakota IV W, LLC.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to appoint John Rodgers, Leigh Jeanotte, Sue Eisenzimmer and Robert Rost for two year terms to the NE Human Service Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Darrell Nottestad for a three year term to the Grand Forks County Water Board beginning January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Robert Leake and Ralph McCanna for three year terms to the Grand Forks County Weed Board beginning January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the amendment to the food service contract between Grand Forks County and CBM Foodservice. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder stated that a General Education Development (GED) program had been started at the Correctional Center in September and to date they have three GED graduates.

Bret Burkholder said that Immigration had done an inspection of the Correctional Center on December 3, 4 & 5 and he said they were very positive and they should have a full report in 6 to 8 weeks.

Bret Weber presented the feasibility study that was done by Andreas Pinterits, Ph.D., Michelle Rydz and Bret A. Weber, PhD. for the Grand Forks Energy Alliance.

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

Maureen Storstad, Grand Forks City Budget Officer, addressed the board.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to re-impose a \$1.00 per month fee, per communication connection, effective January 1, 2009, for six additional years, for the entire County of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director gave the November 2008 financial report.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to loan the City/County Health Department \$90,000 from the General Fund until January 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the following budget amendments for funds that had unanticipated expenses that were not budgeted for and most had off setting non-budgeted revenues. Motion carried.

FUND#	BUDGET	EXPENSES	OVER BUDGET	AMENDMENT
1000.4211- SHERIFF'S POLICE EQUIP GRT	\$40,000.00	\$131,121.94	-\$91,121.94	\$92,000.00
2140 - COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$44,897.00	\$44,960.37	-\$63.37	\$100.00
2157 - FEMA 2005	\$0.00	\$9,596.33	-\$9,596.33	\$9,600.00
2158 - FEMA 2006	\$0.00	\$25,449.53	-\$25,449.53	\$26,000.00
2159 - FEMA 2007	\$0.00	\$24,697.20	-\$24,697.20	\$25,000.00
2160 - 42ND STREET BONDING	\$0.00	\$25,488.46	-\$25,488.46	\$25,500.00
2170 - REFUNDING IMPROVEMENT BNDS/95	\$12,000.00	\$12,018.00	-\$18.00	\$100.00
2230 - CHILD SUPPORT	\$71,095.00	\$731,085.40	-\$659,990.40	\$660,000.00
2310 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$43,094.00	\$43,523.34	-\$429.34	\$500.00
2350 - SENIOR CITIZENS	\$267,385.00	\$280,227.77	-\$12,842.77	\$13,000.00
2505 - CRIME PREVENTION FUND	\$0.00	\$921.75	-\$921.75	\$1,000.00
2520 - GF NARCOTICS TASK FORCE	\$0.00	\$306.75	-\$306.75	\$500.00
2542 - KEYS GRANT 2001	\$0.00	\$901.98	-\$901.98	\$1,000.00
2544 - JUVENILE CRT-UNIT1 RISK PROGRAM	\$0.00	\$10,100.00	-\$10,100.00	\$11,000.00
2550 - VICTIM'S REPARATION PROGRAM	\$1,000.00	\$1,579.14	-\$579.14	\$1,000.00
2935 - COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH	\$1,417,200.00	\$1,477,651.04	-\$60,451.04	\$65,000.00
2950 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$198,777.00	\$201,373.00	-\$2,596.00	\$3,000.00
2965 - CITY/COUNTY HEALTH	\$403,289.00	\$494,384.57	-\$91,095.57	\$100,000.00
2984 - COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION	\$0.00	\$87,901.18	-\$87,901.18	\$90,000.00
2987 - LIMITED TAX BONDS 2000	\$0.00	\$15,651.20	-\$15,651.20	\$16,000.00
4002 - GENERAL OBLIG BOND/99 COB	\$301,145.00	\$2,930,187.92	\$2,629,042.92	\$2,700,000.00
7001 - TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$0.00	\$25,908.35	-\$25,908.35	\$26,000.00
8001 - STATE TAX	\$0.00	\$163,767.93	-\$163,767.93	\$165,000.00
8005 - GARRISON DIVERSION	\$0.00	\$180,630.03	-\$180,630.03	\$181,000.00
8006 - WATER RESOURCE BOARD	\$596,988.00	\$597,351.31	-\$363.31	\$500.00
8008 - RR JOINT MANAGEMENT	\$161,756.00	\$162,365.71	-\$609.71	\$1,000.00
8012 - COUNTY PARK	\$0.00	\$4,866.67	-\$4,866.67	\$5,000.00
8013 - WESTERN SOIL	\$0.00	\$181.06	-\$181.06	\$200.00

8017 - L&S 3RD SPECIALS	\$0.00	\$212.83	-\$212.83	\$300.00
8019 - REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY	\$130,000.00	\$130,968.56	-\$968.56	\$1,000.00
8033 - EASTERN SOIL	\$0.00	\$1,104.13	-\$1,104.13	\$1,200.00

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to authorize Finance Chair Knauf to approve any bills that come in before the end of the 2008 year. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Commissioner Malm suggested that Chairman Murphy or his designee contact the North Dakota Department of Transportation and the Governor's Chief of Staff to see if the Thompson Bridge Project could be moved up on the project list. Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioner Malm.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve Commissioner Malm or Schmisek to attend the ADC Winter Forum in San Antonio, Texas on February 9-11, 2009; Lane Magnuson to attend the American Planning Association Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 25-29, 2009; and to decide who should attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC and the NACo Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee at a later meeting. Motion carried.

The Grand Forks Municipal Solid Waste Landfill was discussed.

Todd Feland, Grand Forks Public Works Director, addressed the board.

Daryl Bragg, 3702 Cherry Street, addressed the board.

Richard Gross, 1335 7th Ave NE, addressed the board.

Raymond Wilkens, 1381 23^{rs} Ave NE, addressed the board.

Beau Bateman, 6500 32nd Ave S, addressed the board.

Dave Mahar, 1650 25th Ave NE, addressed the board.

Doug Christensen, Grand City Council, addressed the board.

Eliot Glassheim, Grand Forks City Council, addressed the board.

Daniel Romuld, 1335 23rd Ave NE, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to not call a special election to allow qualified electors of the county to approve or disapprove the landfill. Motion carried with Schmisek, Malm and Murphy voting aye and Pic and Knauf voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2008.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor