

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 17, 2009 – 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 approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 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 Vicki Lovell, Rick Guzman, Barb Gangelhoff, Karrie Kellenbenz, Amanda Haas, RaeAnn Wall and Justin Bina; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#137718-138024 in the amount of \$677,722.51; overtime; monthly financial report; Grand Forks County Veterans Service Report and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to open bid for 2009 Chevrolet Impala Police Package Sedan. Motion carried.

Bid received: Rydell GM Auto Center - \$19,538.00 each

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to accept the bid from Rydell GM Auto Center for two 2009 Chevrolet Impalas at cost of \$19,538 each. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded Malm, to allow the Sheriff's Department to call for bids for two Expeditions instead of an additional two Chevrolet Impalas which had been budgeted for in the 2009 budget. The difference in price between the two vehicles of approximately \$11,861 will be taken from the Police Equipment line item. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, reported that one bid had been received for software that computes agricultural values.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the bid from Sidwell Company for software that computes agricultural values at a cost of \$20,885 to be paid over three years from the Tax Equalization budget unless a reduced price could be negotiated for if paid in full. Motion carried.

Ms. Vaughn will bring any reduction price if paid in full from Sidwell Company to the board for approval.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board regarding the two Hazard Mitigation Grant applications that were discussed at the last meeting. He said the Commission has taken no action on either application and because they are located in townships that do their own zoning the applications should be made by the township not the County.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to inform Red River Regional Council that we will not sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract for Administrative Services because we no longer do the zoning for these townships. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve outside employment for Lane Magnuson and Amber Vaughn to do consulting work on soil training and GIS services for other Counties. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board regarding the increase in the Township Maintenance Agreements.

Allan Peterson, Moraine Township and Wes Wolfram, Plymouth Township, addressed the board regarding the Township Maintenance Agreements.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to have Commissioner Pic and Richard Onstad prepare a plan to present to the Commission in October on how to calculate the amount to charge the townships for road maintenance and then present it to the townships at the Township Officer Meeting in November. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Aaron Sweeney, 2286 McCanna Street E, McCanna, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to not apply the cost of \$5,175 for demolishing The Office Bar in McCanna, ND to parcel number 11-4001-00005-000, a parcel owned by Grand Forks County for delinquent taxes. Motion was rescinded.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation on pending litigation. The regular meeting adjourned at 5:13pm. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2009.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor