

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 5, 2009 – 4:00 P.M

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for David Moen, Daryl Dittus, Peggy A. Koehler and Jennifer Hines; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check# 139290-139505 in the amount of \$528,728.88; Game of Chance Permit for Grand Forks County 4-H Program; March Financial Report and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Don Shields, Public Health Administrator, addressed the board regarding the Influenza A H1N1 Virus and the Business Pandemic Planning.

Chairman Murphy asked Ed Nierode to set up a meeting with Department Heads to discuss and develop a Business Strategy Pandemic Plan for Grand Forks County.

Bob Greene thanked the Commission for their decades of support they have given the Veterans groups especially to North Dakota Post 6 of the American Legion.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the following policy:

The use, possession, distribution, dispensing, transferring, purchasing, or selling of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on Grand Forks County property is prohibited. For property owned by Grand Forks County but leased by Grand Forks County to a tenant (for example, the Grand Forks County Fair Board/Association), the tenant of the property expressly assumes all of the risk for use, possession, distribution, dispensing, transferring, purchasing, or selling of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on that property. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve, in part, the abatement application for Raymond & Marilyn Wilkens on parcel number 35-1202-00004-000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$198,200 to \$186,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement applications for Eugene Moen on parcel number 41-2302-00002-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$22,200 to \$11,600 and the 2008 True and Full Value from \$24,900 to \$11,900. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the abatement application for Steve & Dondi Bondy on parcel number 51-2905-00001-000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$223,200 to \$200,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application for Rudolph Berg on parcel number 44-1234-00043-030 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$118,600 to \$18,600. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for the Valley Homes and Services Project, subject to a public hearing on June 2, 2009. Motion carried. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000.

Jeremiah Christenson, Obermiller Nelson Engineering, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve an upgrade to the boiler controls software for the Correctional Center and Courthouse at a cost of \$6,835. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a lease with Lund Investments for a 3,600 SF space located at 3013 27th Avenue North at a cost of \$3.00 per square feet without utilities and a 5 year lease contingent upon review by Peter Welte and the Building Committee and to approve the Chair's signature on the lease. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, presented the law enforcement fitness results.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the Altru Health and Fitness Center Fitness Assessment Agreement. Motion carried.

Michael Huntress, Acquest Development, addressed the board regarding the proposed US Customs and Border Protection building project.

Brad Gengler, Grand Forks City Planner, addressed the board regarding zoning agreements between the City and County.

Patrick Deme, Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Executive Director, addressed the board.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, updated the board on the recently adopted extraterritorial zoning bill.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, gave Debbie Nelson the Hold Harmless Agreement that Mr. Welte and Rebecca Absey signed on behalf of the County. It is an annual agreement between Grand Forks County and the Grand Forks Air Force Base for aerial spray operations for mosquito control.

Mr. Welte said the States Attorney Office will be a pass through agency for the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC) in pursuing a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Stimulus Grant to hire an additional Crime Victim Witness Program Specialist. There will be no budget impact on Grand Forks County.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Juvenile Detention Administrator's job description. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the request by Peter Welte to reimburse Grand Forks County the amount of the administrative payroll error on the May 15, 2009 payroll. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the letter to Grand Forks County employees regarding the administrative payroll error. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy notified the board he would be signing the Application for Aerial Application for Pesticide over a City.

Chairman Murphy directed Debbie Nelson to send flowers on behalf of Grand Forks County for the funeral of John Galegher for his years of dedicated service on the Grand Forks County Water Board.

Debbie Nelson will advertise for the opening on the Airport Authority Board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2009.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor