

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2009 – 4:00 P.M

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Sean B. Kasson, Christopher Pieske, Louis M. Lombardi and Stacey Dahl; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check# 139603-139897 in the amount of \$781,797.09 and overtime. Motion carried.

Allen Butler owner of the Beehive in Reynolds, ND, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to close the street for one block on County Road 25 in front of the Beehive on July 18th from 6:00pm-2:00am for a street dance. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to allow Mr. Campbell to proceed with the Corp of Engineers to go out on bid to remove sandbags throughout Grand Forks County at an estimated cost of \$375,000. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pic asked what our cost share would be. Mr. Campbell has been told that probably our share of the cost will be 3%.

Jim Campbell will do a press release tomorrow notifying the public of the process to get sandbags removed.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair and States Attorney's signatures on the Project Cooperation Agreement Right-of-Entry with the Corp of Engineers and the States Attorney's signature on the Project Cooperation Agreement Attorney's Certificate as to Right-of-way. And to authorize Mr. Campbell to enter into an agreement with Strata Corporation and the Corp of Engineers to have the used sandbags dropped off at Strata Corporation. Motion carried.

Kyle Agre, Live Well Solutions, addressed the board regarding an Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Sarah Thomas, The Village Business Institute, addressed the board regarding an Employee Assistance Program.

The Personnel Committee will review both companies at a Personnel Meeting with the Employees Association on June 2, 2009 at 2:00pm.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the recommended three month moratorium on all planning actions in the outer ½ miles of the Thompson City extraterritorial area and the outer 2 miles of the Grand Forks City extraterritorial area. Residential/agricultural building permits and

single lot subdivisions will be exempt from the moratorium. The moratorium would only affect requests made after May 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on a Petition to Vacate the Plat of Stickney, located in part of the SW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ and part of the E¹/₂ of the SE¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄ of section 2, Township 151-52. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board regarding the emergency situation with the failing phone system.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve upgrading the phone system to Mitel SX200 at a cost of \$43,500. The computer budget should be amended for this purchase. Motion carried.

Jay Kleven, EAPC, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow EAPC to prepare bid specifications for two contracts one to correct the drainage issue in the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp and the other to paint the entire underside of the second and third decks. Each contract will be considered separately. Motion carried.

Pete Haga, Community/Government Relations Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to move forward with a joint application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant with Grand Forks City and to consider establishing a joint Energy Office. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the April 2009 Financial Report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Grand Forks County will have a signing of the ND Community Military Covenant on July 21, 2009 at 3:30pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2009.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor