

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 2, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Chris Griffin, Andrew Klamm, Tyler Larson, Kimberly Devine, Stu Quibell, Angela Marie Rose and Nicole Marie Nimens; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #139898 -140097 in the amount of \$509,233.40; overtime; bond to reissue check and Grand Forks Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Linda Kuster, NDSU Extension Family Nutrition Program Assistant, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) during the granting period for October 2009 through September 2010. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the proper signatures of the Chair, States Attorney and Auditor on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement, utility certification letter and on the right of way certificate once it is approved for the STM-SC-BRC-1830(052) Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Ed Christ, Social Services Assistant Director, addressed the board.

LuEllen Hart, Social Services Eligibility Worker Supervisor, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to continue to move forward with an application to obtain dual monitors through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Social Services Economic Assistance eligibility staff. The county will be responsible for approximately \$200 per employee or \$6,000. Motion carried.

Pete Haga, Community/Government Relations Officer addressed the board regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Chairman Murphy appointed Ed Nierode as the Grand Forks County delegate to the Energy Alliance Advisory Board to assist with the development of the program details and its administration.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to submit a joint application with Grand Forks City for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. And to authorize \$64,500 to the

City/County Joint Weatherization Energy Alliance within the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy as part of the application. Motion carried.

The Grand Forks County Commission board recessed and convened as the Grand Forks County Board of Equalization.

The Grand Forks County Commission board reconvened.

At 4:30pm the Chairman opened the public hearing for the Valley Homes and Services Project MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

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

Greg Hanson, Valley Memorial Homes, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$7,500,000 Nursing Facility Revenue Bonds for the Valley Homes and Services Project. It appears that the impact and effect of the issue upon existing industry and business will not result in an unfair advantage for the proposed project to the substantial detriment of existing enterprises. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Finance and Tax Office. The bonds will be subject to a fee of 1% of the total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Business for CBP Grand Forks, LLP was opened. Terry Stromsodt, Rye Township Chairman, David Meagher, Rye Township and Ray Dohman spoke against granting the exemption. Michael Huntress, Acquest Development, spoke in favor of the exemption. The public hearing was closed. The application will be considered at the next meeting.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, introduced Sean Kassen the Senior Legal Intern in the States Attorney's office.

Mr. Welte has prepared a Sexual Dangerous Individual (SDI) Defense Contract which will be circulated to local attorneys. He said we should have attorneys that are ready to sign the contract by the next meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for an Assistant States Attorney to attend a Drug Court Training in Minneapolis, MN in August at a cost of \$300. Motion carried.

Ray Dohman addressed the board.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to accept the quote from EB Consulting to remove debris from Ross Weiler's property in section 17, Brenna Township at an estimated cost of \$9,850. The cost will be added to the property taxes on the property. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to have EAPC prepare a contract for additional lighting in the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp and to approve the Chair's signature on the contract for painting and the contract for the drains. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a Quit Claim Deed from Grand Forks County to Aloys and Gale Landeis on parcel number 01-1101-00006-000. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to write off an uncollectible debt to the Grand Forks County Highway Department of \$25.00 by Eugene Wasylow. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2009.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor