

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 4, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #141197 – 141393 in the amount of \$643,654.93; employee status changes for Clifford VanBuren and Matthew Hipp, overtime; bonds for check reissue and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Chairman Murphy directed Commissioner Schmisek, Mr. Welte and Mr. Nierode to review any letters of interest that are received regarding an Indigent Defense Contract and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to reclassify Paulette Aaker's position from a Legal Secretary I, grade 4, to a Restitution Coordinator, grade 5, effective August 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, provided information from the National Association of Counties Conference to the board.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for Michael Brotherton on parcel number 44-2902-00013-000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$129,500 to \$56,900. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the abatement applications for Arnold and Bonnie Bartelson on parcel number 44-2905-00144-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$121,600 to \$74,000 and the 2008 True and Full Value from \$125,900 to \$76,100. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement applications for Joseph Whitesock on parcel number 51-2301-00037-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$143,400 to \$83,400 and the 2008 True and Full Value from \$149,200 to \$89,200. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pic reported that Don Shields, Public Health Director and his staff received an award at the National Public Health Conference for a mobile immunization clinic for refugees' project.

Mike Sweeney and Bob Bushaw from Turtle River Township addressed the board regarding the flood buy-out program. They were directed to talk to Lane Magnuson, County Planner, or Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, regarding a scheduled Township meeting to discuss the buy-out program.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Debbie Nelson as the delegate to the North Dakota Association of Counties Conference for years 2009 and 2010. Motion carried.

The copies of letter received from the Franklin Bronze Plaques company will be forwarded to the Fair Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to allow Mr. Nierode and Mr. Shields to develop a plan for the removal and storage of records and testing of air quality within the areas that received water damage in the County Office Building to be paid from the Emergency Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to purchase three truck loads of surplus cubicle furniture from the State for \$500 plus the amount to transport these items from Bismarck to Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm. The next meeting will be held on August 18, 2009.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor