

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 1, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #141640 – 141653 and Check #141791 - 141957 in the amount of \$625,848.94 and overtime. Motion carried.

The Grand Forks County Commission congratulated the Grand Forks Public Health Department for a Model Practice Award they received at the National Association of County and City Health Officials Annual Conference. Twyla Streibel, Public Health Nurse explained the program they were honored for, Vaccination on Wheels – Take It To The Street. They transformed a FEMA trailer into a mobile vaccination clinic. They were able to vaccinate refugee children with the required daycare and school immunizations. Those involved with the program were Twyla Streibel, Kathy Dunn, Terry Keehr, Betty Otteson, Debbie Hanson, Don Shields, Dawn Barwin, Mark Humble, Grand Forks Public School Nurses and the ND Department of Health.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, presented a Pandemic Guidelines draft. The draft will be discussed on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 3:30pm.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to deny the abatement application for Terrance Pointe, LLC; Grand Forks INREIT, LLC on parcel number 44-1351-00012-000 for 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for George Hall on parcel number 46-0001-00024-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$25,500 to \$11,300. Motion carried.

Wendy Wendt, Grand Forks Library Director, gave an update on the Grand Forks Public Library.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, that Grand Forks County affirms the Polk County Commission award of Project SP-60-609-21 to the lowest responsible bidder, which was Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc., Glenwood, MN, in the amount of \$7,396,452.30. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to open the bids for the two used Sheriff's Department vehicles. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

	Vehicle #1	Vehicle #2
Roger Simundson	\$2,777.00	\$1,555.00
George Frederick	1,257.00	
Keith (Kip) Severinson	1,444.44	1,477.77
James Anderson	1,649.00	809.00
Chris Hutton	1,526.00	1,751.00
Layne Bimler		600.00
Shanlynell Cummingham	200.00	200.00
Ryan Kloster	600.00	600.00
Ryan Corbett	1,156.99	1,305.99

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to accept the high bids from Roger Simundson for \$2,777.00 for Vehicle #1, a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe and from Chris Hutton for Vehicle #2, a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$1,751.00. Motion Carried.

Brian Osowski, Osowski Business Consulting, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to hire Osowski Business Consulting to develop policies, procedures and application form for the Recovery Zone Development Bonds and the policies, procedures and application form for the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for \$10,000 and hire Osowski Business Consulting to provide on going services to Grand Forks County for the Recovery Zone Bonds for \$10,000. Motion carried.

Hailey Wamstad and Larry Hoffman, representatives of the Grand Forks County Employees Association addressed the board.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the 2010 Preliminary Budget.

Sheriff Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2010 Preliminary Budget, as amended, decreasing the vehicle line item in the Sheriff's Department budget by \$9,000. The 2010 Preliminary Budget includes a 2.5% anniversary date increase for all employees and market survey adjustments for Shellie Smette of 2.5% and for Cathy Westensee of 2.0% on January 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek to set the public hearing on the final budget for September 22, 2009 at 4:20pm. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

The Commission agreed that new companies will be considered now that our three year market survey has been completed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to delete policy 414 Merit Pay Program from the Grand Forks County Employee Manual. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to move the next Commission Meeting from the 15th to the 22nd of September. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve an Elected Official to attend the 2nd Annual Connect USA/Canada Economic Summit in Winnipeg, MB on September 14-15, 2009.
Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Services Director, will be asked to attend the next meeting to explain his request for a Social Worker III position.

Chairman Murphy along with Commissioner Pic will purchase a door prize for the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention not to exceed to \$100.00.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to sponsor the Grand Forks County 4-H Award Program at a cost of \$30.00. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2009.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor