

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 1, 2009 – 4:00 P.M

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

Chairman Murphy appointed States Attorney Peter Welte as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Chairman Pro Tempore Welte called for nominations for Grand Forks County Commission Chair for the term of December 2009 to November 2010.

Commissioner Murphy nominated Commissioner Knauf.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Knauf to serve as Grand Forks County Commission Chair from December 2009 to November 2010. Motion carried.

Chairman Pro Tempore Welte called for nominations for Grand Forks County Commission Vice Chair for the term of December 2009 to November 2010.

Commissioner Schmisek nominated Commissioner Malm for Grand Forks County Commission Vice Chair for the term of December 2009 to November 2010.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Malm to serve as Grand Forks County Commission Vice Chair from December 2009 to November 2010. Motion carried.

Chair Knauf made the following committee assignments:

2009 - 2010

Internal Committee Assignments

Building Committee.....	Commissioner Knauf, Chair Commissioner Schmisek
Elections.....	Commissioner Schmisek
Finance Committee.....	Commissioner Malm
Law Enforcement.....	Commissioner Schmisek
Personnel Committee.....	Commissioner Knauf, Chair Commissioner Malm
Roads and Bridges.....	Commissioner Murphy
Wellness Program.....	Commissioner Murphy
Alternate	Commissioner Schmisek

External Board Assignments

Base Realignment..... Alternate	Commissioner Schmisek Commissioner Pic
Census 2010.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Knauf
City/County Board of Health..... Alternate	Commissioner Pic Commissioner Murphy
County Planning and Zoning.....	Commissioner Malm, Chair Commissioner Schmisek
Emergency Management (2 years).....	Commissioner Knauf
Emergency 911..... Alternate	Commissioner Pic Commissioner Schmisek
Fair Board.....	Commissioner Murphy
GF Airport Authority (5 years).....	Commissioner Malm
GF Region Economic Development Corporation..... Alternate	Commissioner Knauf Commissioner Schmisek
Immigrant Integration Initiative Group.....	Commissioner Knauf
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).....	Commissioner Malm
NDSU Extension Service/GF County Advisory Board (3 years).....	Commissioner Pic
Northeast Human Services Advisory Board..(2 years).....	Commissioner Pic
Red River Regional Council (2 years)..... Alternate	Commissioner Pic Commissioner Murphy
Red River Water Management Consortium..... Alternate	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Pic
Social Detox Committee..... Alternate	Commissioner Knauf Commissioner Malm
Veterans/Public Administrator.....	Commissioner Pic

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting.
Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Lynette K. Carik, Mary E. Reyerson, Jessica Fleck Siders and Robert Rost; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#143564-143732 in the amount of \$1,751,417.59; Game of Chance Permit for Nathan Twining Elementary & Middle School PTO and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics. Motion carried.

Margaret Tweten, NDSU Extension Director, addressed the board.

Chair Knauf appointed Commissioner Pic to serve on the Grand Forks County Advisory Board/NDSU Extension Service Commissioner for a three year term.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement applications for Donald & Kathryn Schiele on parcel number 44-1615-00014-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$243,000 to \$123,000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$248,100 to \$128,100. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for Joshua & Amanda Kolenda on parcel number 49-0001-00072-000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$100,200 to \$25,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application for Beverly Hawn parcel number 49-0001-00079-002 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$52,900 to \$41,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application for Andrew & Charlene Stamness on parcel number 49-1201-00016-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$24,300 to \$20,300. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application for Troy Johnson on parcel number 49-1501-00015-000 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$42,700 to \$10,300. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to allow Grand Forks County Social Services to hire the Eligibility Worker position that is included in their 2010 budget in December of 2009 so this position can be trained at the same time as another new position. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the restructure plan for the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department as follows: promote the Captain to Chief Deputy effective December 1, 2009, the Captain's position will be eliminated. The following promotions will be effective January 1, 2010: a Deputy Sheriff II position will be promoted to Sergeant, four Deputy Sheriff I positions will be promoted to Corporal, a new classification; the Office Coordinator's position will have increased responsibilities and a new Deputy Sheriff I position will be hired. There will be an overall decrease of \$17,787 in the 2010 Sheriff's Department budget because of this restructure. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to allow the Public Administrator to retain the 5% administrative fee effective January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve recycling Grand Forks County electronic equipment with Waste Management. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the License Agreement for Lease & Maintenance of Public Property between Grand Forks County and Gowan Farms on parcel number 37-1401-00002-002. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve Commissioner Murphy and Debbie Nelson's signature on the final closeout vouchers and checks on the 2006 Grand Forks County Hazard Mitigation Grant Program on the Scott Osowski property. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the action that was taken at the Special Commission Meeting at 3:00pm today approving the reimbursement of the lower cost of either the clay dike cost or the approximate cost to construct a sandbag dike to a comparable height. The clay dike must have been constructed on or before April 1, 2009 and Hessco Barriers will not be reimbursed. This is the final action that will be taken on the 2009 flood fight and no additional applications will be considered. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:06pm. The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2009.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor