

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 2, 2010 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the order of agenda adding two items to Ed Nierode's report, travel and Treasurer's position. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Carol Christiansen, David Urbas and Doreen Steenerson; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#144882-145059 in the amount of \$883,272.16; overtime and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried

Lyle Rose, Hunter Safety Instructor, asked the Commission if Hunter Safety courses could be taught in the Grand Forks County Office Building.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to table the request to use the Grand Forks County Office Building for Hunter Safety courses until the March 2, 2010 Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Patrick Dame, Grand Forks Regional Airport Executive Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve providing the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority \$100,000 from the Grand Forks County General Fund to be applied to part of the local match requirement to reconstruct Airport Drive. The funding is contingent upon the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority receiving the discretionary federal funding for the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adopt the resolutions relating to projects under the Municipal Industrial Development Act, giving preliminary approval for the following: BVI, LLC Project; ICON Architectural Group, RLLC Project; Grand Forks Hotel Partners, LLC Project; Capital Partners, LLP Project and Grand Forks Land Company, LCC Project, subject to a public hearing on March 2, 2010 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to accept the low bids from: United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation; Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel hauling; Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate; Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND for riveted copper culverts, arched culverts and steel multi-plate arches and Cretex Concrete Products West, Rapid City, SD for precast and prestressed bridge beams. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to allow the Highway Department to receive quotes for (2) two new Woods 20ft Rotary Mowers and trade-in (2) two used Woods 20ft Rotary Mowers. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, gave an update on the status of the Merrifield Road Interchange.

Chair Knauf appointed Commissioner Malm to be the contact person for the future Merrifield Interchange project.

Major Rost, Sheriff's Department, gave a quarterly report on the STOP Grant Investigator Position. Commissioner Schmisek requested that the number of hours worked on those cases be included in the next report.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the appraisal of a potential storage building for the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Grand Forks County Flood Protection Policy, see attached. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for Commissioner Pic to attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, March 6-10, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the realignment in the Finance and Tax Department. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to call for bids for election ballot printing for the Primary and General Elections in 2010, and any Special Elections that might be called in 2010 & 2011. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about transporting election equipment. The Commission heard from Debbie Nelson about the prior vendor for transporting election equipment. Peter Welte advised the Commission about the legal bidding requirements for transporting election equipment.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to not call for bids for the transporting of election equipment for the 2010 elections. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the Joint Powers Agreements with the Cities of Emerado, Gilby, Inkster, Larimore, Manvel, Niagara, Northwood, Reynolds and Thompson. The purpose of the agreement is to provide the terms by which the County and Cities coordinate the holding of their general elections along with the County's primary election. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Joint Powers Agreements with Grand Forks City, Grand Forks School District and Grand Forks Park District. The purpose of the agreement is to provide the terms by which the County, City, School and Park coordinate the holding of their general elections along with the County's primary election. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:57pm. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor