

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 20, 2010 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Danny Carlson, Rod Huot and Steve Hamre; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#146261-146418 and Check #146420-146740 in the amount of \$909,912.35 and overtime. Motion carried

Wendy Wendt, Grand Forks Public Library Director and Susan Mickelson, Grand Forks Library Board President, presented an update and annual report on the Grand Forks Public Library.

Major Bob Rost, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the purchase of 12 Abitrator In-Car Video Systems at a cost of \$98,330 for the Sheriff's Department. This will be paid with \$21,809 from a 2009 ARRA Justice Assistance Grant, \$32,000 from a FY2010 Traffic Safety Contract, \$25,994.64 from the Asset Forfeiture fund and \$18,526.36 from the Police Equipment line item. Motion carried.

Major Rost presented the Domestic Violence Investigator statistics for the first quarter of 2010. The Commission requested more detail in the next report.

Major Rost also informed the board that the appraisal on 2611 North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street came back lower than the asking price. Major Rost will continue looking for a storage building for the Sheriff Department.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the Law Enforcement Services Contract with the City of Larimore. Motion and second were withdrawn.

The Law Enforcement Services Contract will be on the agenda at the next Commission meeting.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for David Farrell on parcel number 46-0001-00212-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$24,500 to \$15,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the process for collecting delinquent mobile home taxes, beginning June 2010, as indicated in the Memo from the Tax Equalization Director dated April 14, 2010. Motion carried.

Klaus Thiessen and Eric Icard from GF Region Economic Development Corporation addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the Inter-Governmental Agreement with North Dakota Department of Commerce. The Base Impact Realignment Committee

Coordinator will manage the grant funds. Grand Forks County will be a pass thru agent and assume no financial responsibility. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the March financial report.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Grand Forks County Credit Card Policy & Procedures. This policy will be included in the Grand Forks County Personnel Manual. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Grand Forks County Fraud Prevention and Investigation Policy. This policy will be included in the Grand Forks County Personnel Manual. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Mr. Welte will attend the various Grand Forks County Committee Meetings only on an as needed basis.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Midwest Masonry Restoration Co. Contract to repair the east entrance steps of the Grand Forks County Courthouse at a cost not to exceed \$31,340. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on an agreement with Altru Health Systems to provide ergonomic services to Grand Forks County at a cost of \$60.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve temporary pay increases of \$200 per month for Loree Buelow, Sheila Wixo, Barb Gangelhoff and Rhonda Gustafson to train new Social Services Eligibility Workers from April 1- June 30, 2010. This is an emergency situation to avert the loss of federal funds to Social Services because of the number of new Eligibility Workers. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to appoint Commissioner Malm to the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Policy Board for a two year term beginning April 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to add to the motion that was approved on April 4, 2010 as follows:

It would be the desire of the Grand Forks County Commission to prohibit the soliciting signatures for nomination **or any other petition** on County property. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to cancel the taxes on parcel number 44-2614-00003-000 and sell the property to Grand Forks City for \$20.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2010.

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Diane Knauf, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor