

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 4, 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 Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 and April 21, 2010 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, 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 Deann Lian, Michele Perreault, Dave Moen, Angela Rose and Marjorie J. Hanson; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#146741-146971 in the amount of \$880,160.40; overtime; Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements and County Deed on parcel 47-2301-00014-000. Motion carried

Keith Berger, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve a salary increase of 2.5% for Wayne Piche effective 4/16/2010. Motion carried.

Linda Kuster, NDSU Extension Family Nutrition Program Assistant, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) during the granting period of October 2010 through September 2011. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to accept the low quote from C.L. Linfoot Co. of \$17,686.00 for installing new furnaces and air conditioning systems in the Grand Forks County Highway Department offices. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement applications for Aaron Goodnoe on parcel number 27-4001-00015-000 and reduce the 2008 and 2009 True and Full Values from \$80,900 to \$25,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve, in part, the abatement applications for Northwood Manor on parcel number 49-3132-00003-000 and reduce the 2008 and 2009 True and Full Values from \$248,600 to \$154,000. Motion carried.

Brian Osowski, Osowski Business Consulting, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to give preliminary approval for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for Grand Forks Hotel Partners Project, subject to a public hearing on June 1, 2010 at 4:15pm. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Grand Forks County Fixed Asset Policy. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to recognize the lifting of the Grand Forks County Fire Emergency and Burn Ban effective April 30, 2010. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the cleaning of the Grand Forks County Courthouse and County Office Building windows at a cost of \$5,200 by Brite-Way Window Cleaning. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode was asked to contact the North Dakota Association of Counties and the University of North Dakota to check if there is a state contract for offices supplies. This will be on the May 18, 2010 agenda.

Dale Trosen, Larimore City Mayor and Michael Coachman, Larimore City Council Member, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to forward the Law Enforcement Services Contract to Larimore City for their approval and to set the effective date in conjunction with the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode will send another email to all staff regarding changes needed to our Personnel Manual. Employees will be allowed to submit their ideas by email to Mr. Nierode and Commissioner Malm by June 1, 2010.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor