

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 1, 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 May 18, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Tyler Larson and Kyle Deziel; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#147356-147593 in the amount of \$631,377.55; overtime; Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements; Game of Chance Permits for Forks Rifle Club Junior Marksmanship and Grand Forks Gun Club; and GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for two Social Workers to attend the Advanced Forensic Interview Training in Bloomington, Minnesota, June 21-23, 2010. Motion carried.

Brian Osowski, Osowski Business Consulting, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the amendments to the Grand Forks County Recovery Zone Bond Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the revised Grand Forks County Recovery Zone Bond Program Application Form and publish the announcement that is included as part of the Application Form in the Grand Forks Herald once a week for four weeks in June 2010. Motion carried.

At 4:27pm the Chair opened the public hearing for the Grand Forks Hotel Partners, LLC Project Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$7,650,000 Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for Grand Forks Hotel Partners, LLC Project under chapter 40-57 NDCC. Motion carried

Derek Beaudry, 885 Halvor Road NE, Thompson, addressed the board.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, to table action on the request by Derek Beaudry to grant access to County Road 7 from his property until the Thompson Bridge is complete. Motion failed for lack of a second.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to allow the Sheriff's Department to resubmit a grant application to COPS Hiring Recovery Program to hire one full time deputy. The position will be funded for a three year period and at the conclusion of the initial three year period all budgetary

impact will be assumed within the current Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department budget. Motion carried with Knauf, Schmisek, Pic and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to recess the board and convene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried. It was 4:57pm.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to reconvene the County Commission Board. Motion carried. It was 5:03pm.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to draft a letter to Minnkota Power Cooperative regarding the location of the proposed Center to Grand Forks power transmission line that would be located, in part, in Grand Forks County. It is the desire of the Grand Forks County Commission that Minnkota Power Cooperative consider putting these power lines along primary thoroughfares, such as State Highways and County Highways, instead of rural roads, minimum maintenance roads, and section lines with no established maintained roads. The placement along primary thoroughfares provides for easier access and egress to the towers, which is beneficial in many ways relative to County government. Such placement minimizes issues regarding County planning and zoning, and also provides for proper and cost-effective control of noxious weeds and, in the event of other unanticipated problems, would minimize financial burden to county taxpayers. The Grand Forks County Commission will reserve their formal opinion regarding the actual proposed route of the transmission line until the actual route is proposed. The letter will be reviewed at the next Commission meeting unless the June 15, 2010 Commission Meeting is too late for the comment to be made. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Mr. Nierode and Mr. Welte will review the copy paper quotes that have been received and bring this item back to the next Commission Meeting.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to allow employees an extension to August 1, 2010 to submit recommended changes to the current Personnel Manual. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode will send an email to all staff regarding the extension.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm. The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor