

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 3, 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 July 16, 2010 Special County Commission meeting and the July 20, 2010 Grand Forks County Commission meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#148818-149017 in the amount of \$551,105.24; employee status changes for Tarek Grandstrand, Doreen Steenerson and Jessica Berger; bond for check reissue; County Township Road Mileage Certification; and June Financial Report. Motion carried.

Steve Jacobson, Norman County Commissioner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE USACE TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME OF PUBLIC
COMMENT IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED FM DIVERSION

WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers, (USACE) has determined that impacts are expected north of Halstad, MN. as a result of construction of the proposed Fargo Moorhead diversion.

WHEREAS, The USACE has just recently released this information.

WHEREAS, The USACE has not indicated to citizens north of Halstad the magnitude of the expected impacts nor the efforts to mitigate the impacts.

WHEREAS, The citizens situated north Halstad, MN are unable to determine their situation as a result of impacts of the FM diversion due to a lack of information.

WHEREAS, The USACE has set August 9, 2010 as the deadline for public comment on the proposed FM diversion.

WHEREAS, An August 9th deadline does not provide sufficient time for residents situated north of Halstad to determine how the impacts of the proposed FM diversion will affect them and submit comment.

THEREFORE, To preserve the interests of Grand Forks County and its people, the Grand Forks County Board of Commissioners do hereby go on record of requesting the USACE to extend the time frame of public comment in regard to the proposed FM diversion to accommodate the needs and right of citizens situated north of Halstad, MN. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to forward the above resolution to North Dakota State and Federal Elected Officials. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement applications for William Lewis on parcel number 14-1402-00001-002 and reduce the 2008 and 2009 True and Full Values from \$77,400 to \$29,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to solicit essays from the sixth grade class in each of the Grand Forks County School Districts about why their school should be the county seat for a day. The October 19, 2010 Commission Meeting will be held at the school that submits the winning essay. The Chair will direct staff to contact the School Districts. Motion carried.

The fire alarm went off at 5:00pm and the Grand Forks County Office Building was evacuated. The meeting reconvened around 5:25pm on the first floor of the Grand Forks County Office Building because the elevators were not working.

The Personnel Manual Review Committee will include Commissioners Knauf and Schmisek, two Department Managers and an Employee Association member.

Ed Nierode will mail a copy of all Department Manager's job descriptions and an evaluation form to the Commissioners.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm. The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor