

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 7, 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 August 17, 2010 Grand Forks County Commission meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#149368-149713 in the amount of \$816,0172.00; employee status change for Abby (Downs) Borchardt; bonds for check reissue and the July Financial Report. Motion carried.

Ed Christ, Social Service Assistant Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve employee status change for Virginia Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve payment to Public Employment HR Consulting at 90% on invoices 129-10 and 136-10. The remaining 10% will be paid when the project is complete. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2011-2012 County Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Keith Lund, Grand Forks Region Economic Development Vice President, addressed the board.

Scott Richard, Chapman and Cutler LLP, addressed the board.

Brian Osowski, Osowski Business Consulting, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to grant preliminary approval for the issuance of \$1,000,000 Recovery Zone Facility Revenue Bonds for LKL Properties, subject to a public hearing on October 5, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to grant preliminary approval for the issuance of up to \$65,000,000 Recovery Zone Facility Revenue Bonds for J.R. Simplot Company or Affiliate, subject to a public hearing on October 5, 2010. Grand Forks County will allocate all of their remaining Recovery Zone Facility Revenue Bond allocation and request additional allocation from the State. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to grant preliminary approval for the issuance of \$30,000,000 Exempt Facility (Solid Waste) Revenue Bonds for J.R. Simplot Company or Affiliate, subject to a public hearing on October 5, 2010. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Ralph Carter, Attorney representing Jon Gregoire, addressed the board.

Jon Gregoire, 1318 11th Ave NE, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve Wilson Creek Subdivision in its original configuration, Exhibit "B". With the following conditions:

1. The access along the eastern edge of Lot 9 may remain for agricultural access, as long as the property to the north is being used for agricultural purposes.
2. The applicant shall submit to the Planning Department copies of the maintenance agreements for the roads and stormwater facilities prior to truly the Planning Department signing off on the plat.
3. The following note shall be stated on the plat:
All interior roads shall be privately maintained. Document Number.
4. The Grand Forks County Planning Department shall receive from the developer a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$12,000 dollars as a financial guarantee for road construction and implementation of the drainage plan.
5. That applicant must receive approval on the pending variance for an additional access.
Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to receive and file the attached petition opposing the proposed bridge and or road raise on 62nd Avenue SE for social and environmental issues, negative financial impact and potential increased flooding. Motion carried.

Kevin Pierce, 6473 East Lake Drive, requested Grand Forks County complete a Hazard Mitigation Project & Nemis State Project Application as applicant for a bridge on 62nd avenue. Mr. Pierce along with Lane Magnuson was told to contact Grand Forks City. They would have to be the subgrantee for the grant because they have flood plain administration authority over that area.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the 2011 Preliminary Budget.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the 2011 Preliminary Budget, option C and to set the public hearing on the final budget for September 21, 2010 at 4:20pm. Motion carried with Knauf, Malm, Schmisek and Murphy voting aye and Pic voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for Ed Nierode and Bret Burkholder to attend the Advanced Employment Issues Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada from November 10th – 13th, 2010. Motion carried.

Chair Knauf will purchase a door prize for the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention not to exceed to \$100.00.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a Special Event Permit Alcoholic Beverage License for Town Pump II for September 18, 2010. Motion carried. Commissioner Pic abstained from the vote.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to sponsor the Grand Forks County 4-H Award Program at a cost of \$30.00. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to send Carole McMahon, Building Official, to the Building Codes Proposed Amendments Voting Meeting on September 15th – 16th, 2010 in Bismarck, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm. The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor