

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #159885-160081 in the amount of \$2,715,469.57; overtime; employee status changes for Irene Dybwad; bond for check reissue; County Deeds on parcel #45-0001-00003-000 and 45-0001-00019-000; Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements; and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office 2011 Statistics. Motion carried.

Dr. Mark Koponen, Medical Examiner in the Grand Forks County Coroner's Office, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to amend the 2012 County Coroner's budget by \$27,700, the lease agreement requires the County Coroner to pay the property taxes on parcel number 44-2952-00001-007. Motion carried.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the recommendation of the Tax Equalization Director and allow the leasehold interest homes on the Grand Forks Air Force Base to remain exempt at this time, subject to further review on an annual basis by the Grand Forks County Commission. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to establish an Early Voting Precinct at the Alerus Center, May 29 – June 6, 2012, excluding Sunday. The hours will be 10:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to establish an Absentee Ballot Precinct at the County Office Building for the purposes of counting all absentee ballots cast in Grand Forks County for the June 12, 2012 Primary Election. Motion carried.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement applications, in part, for St. Stephen's Catholic Church, parcel number 46-0001-00464-000, and reduce the 2010 and 2011 True and Full Value from \$35,500 to \$18,000. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to commit the County Reserve fund balance of \$931,683.51 for various capital improvement projects for Grand Forks County and to commit the County Park fund balance of \$75,427.16 for various Grand Forks Fair Board capital improvement projects. Motion carried with Pic, Murphy and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Commissioners Murphy stated that he, along with Commissioner Malm, toured the property being offer for sale at 115 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, and he said he would not be interested in making an offer at this time. Commissioner Malm agreed and said he would only be interested in the land, not the building.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Mr. Nierode will seek bids for copier paper.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nireode will be the contact for CGI Communications, Inc.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Federal Aid Contract and Contract Bond. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:49pm. The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2012.

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John Schmisek, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor