

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 19, 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 June 5, 2012 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of the agenda, adding George Staveteig after item 5. 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 #160596-160616, 160618-160880 in the amount of \$564,706.31 and purchasing card transactions of \$25,227.12; employee status changes for Traci Van Beek, Shelly Scholand, Daniel Franz, Jennifer Albaugh, Brandi Vigness, and Luellen Hart; overtime; and out-of-state travel for Social Services. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the requests of Susan McMahon to rezone 5.01 acres of land from A-1, Agricultural Preservation District to A-2, Agricultural Woodlands District, and approve the plat of Sue's Subdivision. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the presented Request for Proposal for the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Services and proceed with the advertisement. Motion carried.

George Staveteig, 1075 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Thompson, presented a petition protesting the raising of land values, according to NDCC § 57-14-08.

The petition was received and filed. The Tax Equalization Director and the States Attorney will report back to the Commission and Mr. Staveteig at the July 3, 2012 Commission Meeting.

Gwen Johnson and Kirk Motl, Aflac Associates, addressed the board regarding WageWorks. All County employees will be notified about the changes to their flexible spending accounts. Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, will email the Kaiser Family Foundation Health Care Reform video to all employees.

Garlynn Helmoski, County Recorder, addressed the board.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement Electronic Land Records Management agreement. Motion carried.

Ms. Helmoski said she plans to purchase two fire proof file cabinets for storage of wills for about \$7,000, from the Technology Fund. Commissioners Pic and Knauf said they both know individuals that are getting rid of their fire proof cabinets and we might be able to get them at a much reduced price or free. They asked Ms. Helmoski to talk to them after the meeting.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to allow hiring one flex officer, for a period of 3 months. The Administrative Service Committee will evaluate a long term plan for the staffing at the Correction Center, prior to the three period expiring. Motion carried with Pic, Murphy and Malm voting aye and Knauf voting nay. Mr. Burkholder said he would hire the position as a full time permanent position and would not fill the next vacancy after the 3 month period.

Kevin Dean, Grand Forks City Information Director, address the board regarding the problems Grand Forks City has had with CGI Communications, Inc.

Ed Nierode and Chairman Schmisek will attempt to cancel the agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. This will be on the agenda for the July 3, 2012 Commission Meeting.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Commissioner Malm reported that Lane Magnuson, County Planner, was asked to write a letter at today's Public Safety and Infrastructure meeting, addressed to Mr. Young, regarding the proposed Merrifield Interchange and Bypass. The letter will be on the July 3, 2012 Commission Meeting for the Chair's signature.

Commissioner Murphy said Grand Forks Fair Board asked, at the Public Safety and Infrastructure meeting today, if the lease on the Fairground Subdivision lot south of the Grand Forks County Shop could be extended, so all of their leases would expire at the same time. The Grand Forks Fair Board will report back with the proposed lease term.

Commissioner Knauf presented the minutes from the North Dakota Legislative Management Human Services Committee. The Committee is studying guardianship services.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on letter of support for the establishment of a Community Health Center in Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to receive and file the North American Water and Power Alliance resolution. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. The next meeting will be held on July 3, 2012.

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John Schmisek, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor