

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 18, 2012 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 and the September 6, 2012 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of the agenda adding Lou Lombardi, Assistant Veterans Service Officer after NDSU Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #162174-162395 in the amount of \$615,082.79 and purchasing card transactions in the amount of 24,131.55; employee status changes for Joylynn Deshaw, Bret Anderson and Cody Paul Ertelt; overtime; and Social Service out-of-state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to allow a 30 day extension to remove the uninhabitable manufactured home, all inoperable motor vehicles and the piles of miscellaneous junk, including the rubble from the collapsed barn on property owned by Randy Colton, parcel number 02-3401-00001-002 , effective September 18, 2012. If the Junk and Dangerous Building Violation is not abated timely the States Attorney's Office will be directed to pursue a court order to allow access to the property and have the manufactured home, vehicles and junk removed. All expenses incurred shall then be assessed to the property owner. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Stewart, Arntson Stewart, Wegner, P.C., addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to give preliminary approval for MIDA bonds for the Valley Homes and Services Project, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, subject to a public hearing on October 16, 2012. Motion carried unanimously. Grand Forks County assumes no financial responsibility. The bonds would be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the American Fidelity Assurance Company contract for inmate excess insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the agreement with the City of Hillsboro for the detention of prisoners. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to amend the agreements with Emerado, Larimore, Northwood, and Hillsboro for the detention of prisoners, removing item 5a, the reimbursement of meals served, from the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the donation of the old Correctional Center training uniform pants to the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to allow Mr. Burkholder to extend the 3 month temporary flex officer position approved June 19, 2012, for an additional 3 months. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension Chair, Linda Kuster, NDSU Extension Nutrition Education Assistant, and Lynette Flage, NE District NDSU Extension Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement – Family Nutrition Program/Grand Forks County Support Summary. Motion carried unanimously.

Lou Lombardi, Assistant Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Lombardi to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 22- 26, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Schill, Grand Forks Public Library Board President, and Wendy Wendt, Grand Forks Public Library Director, presented the 2011 Grand Forks Public Library Annual Report.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the 2013 Preliminary Budget.

Gwen Nihart and Lou Lombardi, Grand Forks County Employees Association, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2013 Preliminary Budget and to set the public hearing on the final budget for October 2, 2012 at 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the proposal from Indigo Signworks, Inc, for fabrication and installation of 11 new signs in the County Office Building, with one additional modification to the proposal. Mr. Nierode will contact Indigo Signworks about adding the "4<sup>th</sup> Street Eatery" to the directory on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, if the size of the font will not be reduced by adding an additional line and if the proposal amount of \$2,945.83 does not significantly change because of the modification. Mr. Nierode is directed to sign a contract with Indigo Signworks, Inc, if the previously stated conditions are met. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Knauf informed the board that Jim Campbell's current job description is accurate and it was approved by the Emergency Management Board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm. The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2012 at 6:00pm.

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John Schmisek, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor