

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 6, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna and Malm present. Commissioner Triplett joined the meeting during Richard Onstad's report.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda, adding Dean Dahl after item number 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the items in the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #41178 thru Check #41408 in the amount of \$396,532.58, approval of overtime, approval of County Deeds on parcel #45-0001-00008-000, 45-2301-00007-000, 45-0001-00003-000, 45-1201-00008-000, 46-0001-00334-001, 27-0101-00006-000, 07-0104-0004-000, 07-2503-00002-000 and 07-1304-00006-000, approval of GF County Sheriffs Dept Transport Stats and K-9 Use Summary Report and approval of Elroy Hoverson's Forest Stewardship Tax application. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the remodel of the Information Systems Office at a cost of \$12,450.14 to be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion carried.

Derek Myron and Scott Klevberg were not present at the meeting. The County Deed on this property will be held over to the next meeting.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Commissioner Triplett joined the meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to accept the Hot Bituminous Overlay Project AC-SC-1819(056) and allow the Chairman to sign the acceptance letter. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to set Tuesday, February 1, 2006, at 1:30pm for the Annual Bid Letting for Dragline Excavation, Gravel & Class 43 Aggregate and Materials & Supplies. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the request by the Highway Department to get quotes on purchasing four new Woods model 3240W, 20 foot, 3 section, batwing mowers and trade-in five Woods model 3240W, 20 foot, 3 section rotary batwing mowers. Motion carried.

Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve, in part, the Abatement Applications from Betty J. Kersten on the 2004 and 2005 taxes on pt of the NE1/4, 10-153-51, Ferry Township. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Herbst Subdivision Plat located in the NW1/4, 29-151-54, Arvilla Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the Special Use Permit for a variance to allow a 15% reduction from the lot width requirement on Lot B of Herbst Subdivision. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the application of Chuck Beisner for a Special Use Permit to construct a 105' lattice tower for wireless communication on part of the NW1/4, 22-149-54, Northwood Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Classic Homes on Lot 5, Block 1 of Paul J. Adams Second Subdivision, 34-150-51, Allendale Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit for Steve and Diane Sattler on Lot 5, Block 2 of Elm Coulee Subdivision, 35-150-51, Allendale Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Country West First Subdivision Plat located in the NE1/4, 22-151-51, Brenna Township. Motion carried with Murphy, Yahna and Malm voting aye and Kvasager and Triplett voting nay.

Dean Wieland, CPS Ltd, addressed the board.

Doug Herzog, CPS Ltd, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve a Special Use Permit for a variance to allow a 15% reduction from the lot width requirement on lots located in Country West First Subdivision. Motion carried.

James Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board.

The public hearing was opened on the MIDA Bonds for St. Anne's Guest Home. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$450,000 Senior Housing Revenue Bonds for St. Anne's Building Corporation Project. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Finance and Tax Office. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for October 2005.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to move the \$500,000 from the Correctional Center Construction Fund back to the County Reserve. It was originally transferred on April 5, 2005. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve merit pay increases for Candy Hess, Dale Rivard and David Jones of 2% on their anniversary dates in 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to allow Department Managers the authority to approve vacation hours for employees with less than six months service, provided the time is on the books. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioner Triplett, Peter Welte, Ed Nierode, Debbie Nelson, Bridgie Hansen and Linda Hammen to receive proposals for different providers for our flexible benefits.

Moved by Malm to accept the action of the Social Service Board in regards to the ND Department of Human Services Food Stamp Performance Bonus. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Commissioner Triplett stated that she strongly objects to the ND Department of Human Services Food Stamp Performance Bonus.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to overturn the motion made by the Social Services Board, accepting and distributing ND Department of Human Services Food Stamp Performance Bonus. After consultation with States Attorney Welte, and after States Attorney Welte rendered an opinion that such a motion exceeded the authority of the GF County Commission, Chairman Murphy ruled the motion was out of order.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to appoint Joe Simon to serve on the Emergency Management Board. Motion carried.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the ND Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for 2006, subject to a review by the States Attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor