

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 6, 2009 – 4:00 P.M

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to appoint States Attorney Peter Welte as parliamentarian for the board meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official procedure by which the Board of County Commissioners will conduct meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Ashley Beall, Stacey Dahl, Naomi R. Gomez, Luke William Olson, Randy Flaten and Craig Kouba; and bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#136683-136954 in the amount of \$933,730.06. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve the following securities as pledged: Alerus Financial, \$63,455,816.60; Bremer Bank, N.A., \$2,250,000.00; Choice Financial Group, \$775,000; First State Bank, \$3,250,000; US Bank, N.A., \$3,746,713.18 and Wells Fargo Bank, \$10,727,052.83. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chairman's, Auditor's and State Attorney's signatures on a Polk and Grand Forks Counties Cooperative Construction Agreement for the Red River Bridge Project. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Gerald Gullikson on parcel number 41-2503-00001-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$153,300 to \$78,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Ronald and Marilyn Pederson on parcel number 49-1801-00095-000 and reduce the True Full Value from \$85,000 to \$79,800. Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Moved Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to hire two full time employees in Social Services. Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to amend the motion to allow hiring two full time employees and to hire an additional employee when necessary. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to allow a vender to place a pop machine in the staff lounge at the Correctional Center and to purchase a used vending machine at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Burkholder said he is still waiting for the legislative authority for his Correctional Officers to carry a side arm so they would be allowed to transport Federal prisoners. He and Sheriff Hill have decided to proceed in the interim by training and deputizing a select number of Correctional Officers to transport Federal inmates. Mr. Burkholder said his intent would be to use existing staff and not hire any additional staff. Pending confirmation with Sheriff Hill, Mr. Burkholder hopes to start transporting in 60 to 90 days.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve \$3,600 for the local share of an Office of Economic Adjustment amendment that will be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve Commissioner Pic to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on March 7-11, 2009. Motion carried with Murphy, Schmisek, Malm, and Pic voting aye and Knauf voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve Ed Nierode to attend the NACo Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee on July 24-28, 2009. Motion carried with Murphy, Schmisek, Malm, and Pic voting aye and Knauf voting nay.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to amend the 2008 budgets as follows: FEMA 2006 Fund 2158 by \$12,000, Historical Society Fund 2310 by \$200, Senior Citizens Fund 2350 by \$1,000, Comprehensive Health Fund 2935 by \$7,000, Economic Development Fund 2950 by \$500, Garrison Diversion Fund 8005 by \$500, Water Resource Board Fund 8006 by \$2,500, RR Joint Management Fund 8008 by \$500 and Regional Airport Authority Fund 8019 by \$1,000. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy recessed the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting and convened the Grand Forks County Building Authority.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to appoint Commissioner Knauf as the Secretary for the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn the Grand Forks County Building Authority Meeting and reconvene the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy moved the first Commission meeting in March to Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm. The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2009.

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William Murphy, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor