

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 4, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 meetings. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Heather Schroder, Krista Thompson, Jesse Forness and Justin Breitwieser, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #156364 – 156566 in the amount of \$619,146.38 and approve the Chair's signature on the Grand Forks County Seat Coat Project SC-1800(009) acceptance letter. Motion carried.

Karyn Hippen, Thompson City Mayor, addressed the board regarding a proposed bike path from Thompson to Grand Forks. Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, said the cost has been estimated at \$4,000,000 and if a federal grant was received there would be a 20% local cost share. Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Schmisek as the contact for the proposed bike path.

Amber Gudajtes, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to the abatement applications for Stacy Bakke on parcel number 46-0001-00294-000 and reduce the 2009 and 2010 True and Full Values from \$25,000 to \$17,200. Motion carried.

Ms. Gudajtes reported the State Board of Equalization increased the agricultural values for 2011 by 5% to bring Grand Forks County agricultural values into compliance. This is in addition to the 2% increase that was reported on January 4, 2011.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for Mr. Burkholder to attend Domestic Violence Training in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 16 – 18, 2011. The travel costs will be funded by a grant from the Community Violence Intervention Center. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Murphy and Mr. Burkholder to discuss how we should move forward with the food service in the Correctional Center.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the quote from Jeff Trosen for the 2011 -2012 snow removal for the Grand Forks Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to open bids for the Grand Forks County Highway Department used road machinery. Motion carried. Mr. Onstad will review the bids and bring his recommendation later in the meeting. The forty-four bids are on file in the Grand Forks County Highway Department.

Dave Mix from the State Auditor's Office presented the Grand Forks County Audit Report for the year of 2010.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to accept the 2010 Audited Financial Statements for Grand Forks County, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to accept the high bids on the following Grand Forks County Highway Department used road machinery. Motion carried.

1990 IHC Truck w/plow & wing	Jerome Simmons	\$6,256.00
1980 IHC Truck w/sand spreader	Jerome Simmons	\$2,126.00
1999 Dodge Pickup	Don Hecht	\$2,287.00
1984 Broce Broom	Manvel Oil Co-op	\$2,700.00
1961 Wisconsin Trailer	Brent Schmitz	\$2,105.00
1987 John Deere Snow Blower #1	Jerome Simmons	\$ 856.00
1987 John Deere Snow Blower #2	Jerome Simmons	\$1,056.00
Snowking Snowblower	Neil Breidenbach	\$ 605.00
Falls One-way Plow	Narloch Trucking	\$ 726.00

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to accept the low quote from Northwood Equipment on two new 2011 Black Max Model 900 snow blowers for \$17,500. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the appraised value of the real estate acquired by tax deed and to set the minimum sale price at the amount of 3 years taxes due, plus special assessments, penalties, interest and costs, plus an amount equal to the estimated taxes and special assessments for the current assessment year plus \$100 and set the Property Appraisal hearing for November 1, 2011 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the Notices of Intent to Evict. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm. The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2011.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor