

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 15, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners, Malm, Schmisek, Murphy, Knauf present, Commissioner Pic attended via phone.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent Agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#157045-157311 in the amount of \$1,842,503.73; the purchase card bill of \$5,987.13; employee status changes for Todd Amundson, Jay Dugan, Lacy Hartman; overtime; County Deeds on 35-4302-00011-000, 46-0001-00471-000, 49-2902-00015-000, 44-1205-00116-000, 44-1205-00113-000; October Financial Report, and Game of Chance Permit for the Forks Rifle Club. Motion carried.

Marcy Douglas, Northwood City Administrator, addressed the Board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Northwood Safe Routes to School Grant Application with a letter of support to be submitted by the chair. Motion Carried.

Don Shields, Public Health Director, and Debbie Swanson, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, addressed the board on the Community Health Center Planning and Alliance.

Ed Christ, GF County Social Services Assistant Director, said the USDA Food & Nutrition awards four performance bonuses yearly. North Dakota received two of the four bonuses this year and Grand Forks County Social Services share is in the amount of \$47,400. Possible options for use of these funds will be discussed at the next Social Service meeting.

Keith Berger, GF County Social Services Director, said Social Services has an employee who is going to be a bone marrow donor for her sister. Mr. Berger asked if they could send out e-mails on fundraisers they will be having. Mr. Welte stated he does not believe it would be a violation of county policy. Mr. Berger said they will e-mail county offices only.

Peter Welte stated that at the Policy Manual Review meeting, the question was raised on whether or not to have a separate Social Service meeting or if Social Services should give a report at the regularly scheduled Commission meetings. This will be considered after the new chair takes over in December.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the variance request for Dawn Seaver to allow a fence to be constructed 75' from centerline of County Road 5 in the NW1/4 of Section 10, Brenna Township, with the following condition, the variance applies to only the portion of fence designated on the site plan. Any addition to the fence would require another variance. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to allow Deputy Ron Nord's F3 Fitness training to be done at Larimore Public School. Motion carried.

Bridgie also informed the Commission that there is no AED on the fifth floor of the County Office Building. The chair assigned this to the building committee.

Pete Haga, Community/Government Relations Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the State Energy Program EECBG Add-on award amendment for the lighting upgrade to the County Building parking ramp. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to refer the State Energy Program EECBG Add-on award amendment to the Building Committee, upon receipt of further information. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation on an ongoing guardianship investigation. It was 4:48pm. Motion carried.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 5:00.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm. The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2011 at 4:00pm.

John Schmisek, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Deana Mayotte, Assistant Treasurer II