

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 1, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 and February 22, 2011 meetings. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Frank Shaske, Tori R. Anderson, Tamara Boling, Katrina Strasner, Jacob Lanes, Ryan Thompson, Hunter Stanek, Robert Wood Frasier, Richard Hoffer, Cody Anderson, Colleen Eklie and Lucas Nelson; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #152816-153046 in the amount of \$759,736.03; overtime; bond for check reissue; and a Game of Chance Permit for Evanger Lutheran Church. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to obtain bids on two new tandem axle, diesel trucks with dump box, hoist and snow removal equipment. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chairman's signature on a Gas Utility Easement for Northern States Power Company (NSP). Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson Stewart Wegner, PC, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of County of Grand Forks, North Dakota Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds for the Special Olympics North Dakota Project, Series 2011. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County Finance and Tax Office. The bond fee has been waived for the refunding. Motion carried.

Lynn Bingham and Mark Landa, NE Human Services, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to allow NE Human Services to modify two rooms on the fifth floor of the County Office Building and to amend the current lease to include the cost of the project. Grand Forks County will pay the contractor and will be reimbursed by NE Human Services. Motion carried with Schmisek, Pic and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the abatement application for Neil & Beverly Thompson on parcel number 28-3601-00006-000 and reduce the 2008 True and Full Value from \$87,000 to \$14,600. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application for Richard Peek on parcel number 42-1901-00031-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$77,800 to \$35,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application for Richard & Joanne Anderson on parcel number 44-1801-00067-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$127,600 to \$28,300. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the purchase of a copier for the Finance and Tax Office at a cost of \$14,957 and to amend the Finance and Tax budget for the purchase. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, presented evacuation options for Grand Forks County that was requested at the meeting on February 22, 2011.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to cancel the taxes and sell the following properties to Grand Forks City for \$20.00 each: 44-2304-00067-000, 44-2901-00098-000, 44-3117-00263-001, 44-3117-00263-003 and 44-3117-00271-004. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm asked each Commissioner to meet with the departments that are in their portfolio and bring back to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the capital improvement needs of each department. Commissioner Schmisek stated that he and Ms. Nelson will be meeting on Thursday to draft a 5 year capital planning policy and will bring it to a future meeting for Commission review.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to allow Commissioners Malm and Pic to attend the National Association of Counties Conference, July 15-19, 2011 in Portland, Oregon. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm. The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2011.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor