

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 5, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 and the June 28, 2011 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda, adding Social Service after item number 7. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Donna K. Jones and Naomi Gomez; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#154968-155155 in the amount of \$655,819.82; overtime; bond for check reissue; pledges of security; and game of chance permits for St. Olaf WELCA and the North Dakota Shooting Sports Assn. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commission recessed and convened as the Board of Equalization. It was 4:03pm.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene the County Commission Board. It was 4:10pm.

George Hellyer, Grand Forks Park District Superintendent of Finance, addressed the board.

Bill Palmiscno, Grand Forks Park District Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to deny the request by the Grand Forks Park District to waive the Recovery Zone Bond allocation fee. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement applications of Donna Hegland on parcel number 44-3305-00238-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$119,300 to \$22,300 and the 2010 True and Full Value from \$121,800 to \$23,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application of Kandis Julson on parcel number 50-2901-00018-002 and reduce the 2010 True and Full Value from \$127,000 to \$8,600. Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Services Director, addressed the board.

Commissioner Knauf stated she would like to recuse herself from the vote because of a possible conflict of interest.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to allow Commissioner Knauf to recuse herself from the vote on providing child protection services to Steele County. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to allow Grand Forks County to provide direct service for child protection services to Steele County residents for a one month period, beginning July 6,

2011. The State of North Dakota will pay for all needed assessments and Steele County will reimburse Grand Forks County for mileage. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to allow for physical fitness testing for sit-ups, push-ups and bench press to be done in-house. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve out-of-state travel for Bret Burkholder to attend a TurnKey conference in Hudson, Wisconsin, July 20-22, 2011. Motion carried.

Wendy Wendt, Grand Forks Public Library Director, gave a Grand Forks Public Library update.

Todd Leake, 2371 10th Ave NE, Emerado, ND, addressed the board regarding NDCC § 63-05-01. The board will contact the Grand Forks County Weed Board to discuss changing the deadline for mowing township and county roads at a public meeting.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Knauf to purchase a door prize for the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, that the door prize should not exceed \$100.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Schmisek, to cancel the July 19, 2011 Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to allow employees to participate in an elective Roth 457(b) plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Lease Amendment for space occupied by the Child Support Enforcement Division within the Grand Forks County Office Building for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:28pm. The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2011.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor