

GRAND FORKS COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING – April 12, 2011 – 9:00am

Topic: Flood Related Issues

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

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, said the flood crest has been increased by the National Weather Service to 52' in Grand Forks late Thursday or Friday. Mr. Campbell said the Highway Department is delivering 75,000 empty sandbags to the Burke Addition (L&S 3rd Resubdivision, Lot 4 Block 4, Grand Forks Township). Mr. Campbell said there is additional staff in the E.O.C. (Emergency Operations Center) from Social Services and from R.S.V.P (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) to assist with request for volunteers.

Mr. Campbell said Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, has received a request from the Burke Addition residents, through Grand Forks Township, that a request be made to the Army Corp of Engineers to build a temporary dike on the south and west side of the subdivision. Mr. Campbell said there would be no cost to have it built and it would be Grand Forks Township's responsibility to remove the dike.

Mr. Campbell said Grand Forks County will assume all cost for the flood fight unless a Presidential Disaster Declaration is issued.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to authorize Mr. Campbell to spend up to \$100,000 from the Emergency Fund to pay for the 2011 flood fight expenses. The National Guard will be asked to assist with traffic control and dike walking in that subdivision at an estimated cost of \$25,000, volunteer support and supplies, and purchasing additional sandbags, if needed. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rost said he has put all his staff on 12 hour shifts and he has increased the patrols in the county. He has vehicles stationed north and south of Grand Forks City and there are Sheriff's Deputies at the Burke Addition, checking people in and out, and one at the sandbag pick up site.

Mr. Campbell said they have been in contact with Falconer Township and the Fox Farm Addition, north of Grand Forks City, is fine at this time but they will be monitoring it.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:16am.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor