

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Triplett, Murphy, Yahna, Kvasager and Malm present.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #26652 thru Check #26824 in the amount of \$144,547.90, approval of overtime and approval of County Deeds. Motion carried.

Todd Mitlze, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to proceed with the development of plans for the Correctional Center Addition, bring the plans to the Downtown Design Review Board for approval and have the plans ready for bidding for the first meeting in May. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to open the bids for Election Supplies. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to accept the only bid from Knight Printing. Motion carried.

Tom Saddler, Veterans Service Officer, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve an area on the sixth floor of the County Office Building as “Veterans Flag Row”, to purchase a sign to be hung indicating the designation and to purchase a console for an album that will contain descriptions of the flags and identify those individuals/groups whose contributions made the display possible. All funds will be taken from the Veterans Service Office budget. Motion carried.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve amending the County Zoning Resolution by replacing the existing Flood Plain Ordinance with the new Flood Plain Ordinance as mandated by the State of North Dakota and recommended by the County Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to authorize the Chair’s signature on the final draft of the annual Grand Forks County Storm Water Prevention Program report to be sent to the North Dakota Department of Health as required by the Federal Clean Water Act, with a few minor procedural changes. A copy of the report is on file in the County Planning and Zoning Office. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for February of 2004.

Sherry Stover, NDSU Extension, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program during the granting period of October 2004 through September 2005. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Jay Haley, EAPC Architects Engineer, addressed the board on Wind Energy in North Dakota.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to receive and file EAPC Wind Energy Report. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to have Ed Nierode write a letter to Grand Forks City to see if they would consider moving Municipal Court to the County Courthouse and the Municipal Court staff to the County Office Building. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Commission Kvasager as the Chair of the Seven County Organization.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to give the Building Committee the authority to spend up to \$57,000 for new window treatments for the County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, approve the Chair's signature on the Contract and the Chair's and States Attorney's signature on the Contract Bond with Mayo Construction for project SC-1822(052) & CP-0018(004). Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Grand Forks County Crime Prevention Program application. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Pre-tax Purchase Employer Agreement through the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to appoint the following Election Inspectors; Gladys Sommerfield, Cheryl Weisenberger and Keith Hill. Motion carried.

The letter written to Senator Dorgan in support of the Prairie Prescriptions Pilot Project will be filed with the minutes from the March 2, 2004 meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor