

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 5, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Triplett, Murphy, Kvasager and Malm present. Commissioner Knauf was absent.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda, deleting item number 8, Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #133353 -133732 in the amount of \$931,616.71; employee status changes for Ross Brumley, Tammy Obregon and Jill Drenson; overtime; bonds for check reissue and the Grand Forks County Mekinock Township Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

Kate Kenna, Northeast Human Service Center Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to reconsider the motion to approve an increase of \$1.20 per square foot for leasing space in the Grand Forks County Office Building. The new rate will be \$13.65 effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Motion carried. This motion was made at the July 1, 2008 meeting and Commissioner Murphy voted on the prevailing side.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve an increase of \$0.70 per square foot for leasing space in the Grand Forks County Office Building. The new rate will be \$13.15 effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. In addition the contractual language will be rewritten with Northeast Human Service Center for the 2011-2013 biennium. Motion carried.

Janet Dvorak, Red River Regional Council, addressed the board regarding a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP) from 2004. The Grand Forks County Commission had agreed to be the sponsor of the HMGP to the State Department of Emergency Services on September 7, 2004. The project could not be funded at that time because of a lack of funds but funds have now become available again.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to recommit to the motion made September 7, 2004 for the County to pay 11.25% of the residence buyout for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and 15% of the remaining cost which includes appraisal, management fees and demolition costs. Motion carried.

Amy Brooks, Lutheran Social Services, addressed the board.

Moved Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Title V Grant Application for Lutheran Social Services. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to allow Mr. Sweeney until September 5, 2008 to remove the unlicensed/inoperable vehicles from the subject property. If not, the County will

have the vehicles removed and all expenses incurred shall be assessed to the property owner. Motion carried.

Todd Feland, Public Works Director, gave a landfill briefing.

Several residents of Rye Township had comments regarding the impact the landfill will have on their property. Chair Triplett said she understood their concerns but because the location that is being considered for the landfill is within the extraterritorial zoning of Grand Forks City the County does not have a role in the decision making process and this is not a public hearing.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to send a letter to Representative Lee Kaldor, Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, requesting the North Dakota Legislature reexamine the issue of extraterritorial jurisdiction and to return it back to two miles. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, was directed to write the letter.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to move \$25,488.46 from the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Bonding Fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the June 2008 financial report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to nominate Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, for a North Dakota Emergency Management Association Award that recognizes individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to emergency management in North Dakota during the past year. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2008.

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William Murphy, Vice Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor