

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 20, 2002 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of the agenda with Mike Fonder placed under item #6. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda with the Sheriff's overtime moved to the regular agenda for further explanation. Items in the consent agenda: approval of overtime, approval of County Deed to Arnold & Rita Johnson, approval of refund of filing fees in the amount of \$10, approval of bills as submitted by the County Auditor as follows: Check #13236 thru Check #13415 in the amount of \$452,957.41. All accounts payable are on file in the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Information on Sheriff's Department overtime was discussed and there were no problems with overtime reimbursements.

Jim Brownlee, County Auditor, addressed the board and reviewed financial information.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, address the board and requested chairman's signature on a ND Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$6,500. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Traffic Safety Grant. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, updated the board on the problems with the Bid for a new Van with Nelson Dodge and GMC. Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to reject the bid of Nelson Dodge and GMC for failure to meet the bid specifications, and to award the bid the Rydell Cheverolet. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by Joel and Sherry Odstrcil for a 2003 30X80 Manufactured Home to be located in the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township (Lot 3 of Gregoire Second Housing Tract), as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve an Approach Permit application by Richard Hutton for an access off South 83rd Street (which turns into 15th Street NE) in the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township, with the stipulation of a 24 inch diameter culvert with aprons and the bottom culvert elevation

equal to the elevation of bottom of the culvert immediately north, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve making a vacated legal secretary I position from a legal secretary II position. Motion carried

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve a deputyship position in the States Attorney office. The position would be at a L-5 grade. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy to approve the negotiations with the employee's association and to offer the following: pay the 3% of PERS retirement currently paid by the employees, pay the increase in health insurance costs, due a review and update to the current pay plan, and to offer a group dental plan with the premiums paid by the employees. This does not include Social Service department salaries. Motion carried.

Commission Triplett updated the board on Strom Water Management requirements and stated that the county plans to follow the City of Grand Forks plan.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board and brought forward a request for handicapped door openers in the parking ramp. The proposal is for a total cost of \$5,45.00 with Public Health offering to pay \$2,725.00. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the request with the funds coming out of general fund misc. Motion carried.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney, addressed the board and requested the board approve a quick claim deed to the city of Grand Forks, property located on South Third Street, for dike alignment purposes. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood to approve this proposal with the city repaying any special assessments paid by the county. Motion carried.

Jim Odegard, States Attorney presented drafts of the two county measures to be placed on the ballot for the board's consideration. Board to refer the matter back to the States Attorney and County Auditor to report back at the next meeting with the final language.

Gary Gardner, Correction Center Administrator, addressed the board and brought two bids on replacing the control panel for the Correction Center Security System. Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy to award bid on the Electronic Security System to Bergstrom Electric for \$141,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett to declare an emergency situation due to a power failure in the County Correction Center and to have the expenses for a new Electronic Security System damaged by that power failure paid from the emergency fund. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged the receipt of letter from Scott and Sheila Bichler and referred the letter to the States Attorney for his review.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be September 3, 2002 at 4:00 P.M.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor