

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 18, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2003 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda. 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 #17593 thru Check #17828 in the amount of \$427,171.20, approval of overtime, employee status changes and Veterans Service Officer report. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, addressed the board and reviewed the financial report for January 2003.

Dan Hill, County Sheriff, addressed the board and requested approval of a grant. Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve a \$1,200 Traffic Safety Grant. Motion carried.

Carol McMahan, County Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board. Moved by Murphy, and seconded by Kvasager, to approve a rezoning application by Vernon Dubuque to remove from Zone A-1, Agriculture, and to include within Zone B-1, Commercial, a 3.21 acre tract of land located immediately east of a Commercial Property owned by TNT Fireworks in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kvasager nominated Ray Trosen to the Planning and Zoning Board. Ray Trosen received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Triplett nominated Bob White to the Planning and Zoning Board. Bob White received a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Murphy nominated Jerry Bergene and Commissioner Triplett nominated Paul Erickson. On a roll call vote Kvasager voted Erickson, Murphy voted Bergene, Triplett voted Erickson, Wood voted Erickson. Paul Erickson was appointed to Planning and Zoning Board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board and requested permission to lease a heated shop from Tom Durkin for \$2,400 for six months. The lease would be for 10 years with an option for another 10 years. The lease would be prorated

for the month of March. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the request. Motion carried. Board instructed States Attorney to draw up lease agreement.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board with a resolution on mowing weeds within the county. Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes and is on file in the Finance and Tax office.

Peter Welte informed the board of the new office structure within the States Attorney's office.

Peter Welte informed the board of a notice of substandard buildings in the city of Northwood. The Old Bar Building is owned by the County on a tax deed and we will have to remove the building. The Hotel Building has been purchased by Mr. Paulson and is not the County's responsibility.

Peter Welte informed the board that the Personnel and Building Committees are subject to the open meeting laws. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to have the Personnel committee noticed at 1:30 PM and the Building committee notice at 2:30 PM on the same day as the County Commission meetings. Minutes will be kept of these meeting and filed with the County Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Keith Berger, Social Service Director, addressed the board and informed them of a request from Walsh County to hire Grand Forks Child Support Attorneys. Board directed Mr. Berger to inform Walsh County to contact private attorneys.

Commissioner Murphy addressed the board on a policy for purchasing equipment. The board made several suggested changes and will have Mr. Brownlee redraft the policy for review at the next board meeting. The board also discussed the policy for advertising for appointments to various boards and commissions. Mr. Brownlee will continue to work on the appointments to various boards.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, informed the board of a letter from Baukol Builders asking for interest on the final payment. Board directed Mr. Brownlee to write letter to Baukol Builders denying their request.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2003.

Robert Wood, Vice Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor