

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 15, 2003 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Wood, seconded by Triplett, to recess into an executive session under North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1 for legal consultation at 4:05pm. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened by Chairman Malm at 4:28pm. No action taken in executive session.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda with item addition of Mike Fonder added to agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #19014 thru Check #119195 in the amount of \$222,925.57, approval of overtime and employee status changes, approval of Veterans Service Officer Report, approval of game of chance permits for Arvilla Community Club, Ashly Lions Club and Bethel WELCA. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Director of Property and Records, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Wood, to approve the application for abatement of the 2001 and 2002 taxes from Arnold Abels for Block 2, Lot 3 Burdick's Resubdivision, Grand Forks City, to reduce the True and Full Value from \$114,400 to \$18,800 for 2001 and from \$119,200 to \$20,700 for 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from Beth Johnson, for Lease site on BN RW #547802 (114,243sq) Northwood City, to reduce the True and Full Value from \$188,800 to \$12,700 for the commercial lot and \$42,900 for the commercial structures. Motion carried.

Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Office, addressed the board with request for approval of various grants.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve grant from ND Game and Fish for Boat and Water Safety in the amount of \$7,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wood, to approve a grant from ND Department of Transportation for purchase of traffic radar and in-car video surveillance camera in the amount of \$12,517. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager to approve a grant from ND Department of Transportation for a Speed Enforcement in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried.

Jim Brownlee, Director of Finance and Tax, addressed the board and gave a financial report.

Jim Griffin addressed the board with concerns over the odor at the Larimore Hog Farm. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to have Carole McMahon write a letter to the owners of the hog farm requesting a reply as to what action has been taken on the items agreed to when the permit was granted to build the facility, and to write a letter to the State Health Department offering the services of the County Sheriff to assist in monitoring the air quality at the facility. Motion carried.

Carol McMahon, County Planning and Zoning, addressed the Board

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Manufactured Home Permit application by Paul and Clara Melli for a 2003 28X50 Manufactured Home to be located on Lot 3 of Gregoire Housing Tract in the SW ¼ of Section 1, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an Approach Permit application by Kent and DeeDee Gjerswold for a access with two 48 inch diameter culverts, off 22nd Street NE approximately 300 feet north of the intersection of 22nd Street NE and 22nd Avenue NE in the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board and updated them on the status of the bids on demolition of buildings in Inkster, status of the buildings in Northwood and County Park Board requirements. Peter also informed the board that there is someone interested in being appointed as County Coroner.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board on a new policy for Sheriff's Department and Correction Center overtime. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy to approve policy as follows:

5. Sheriff's Department and Correctional Center's overtime policy - Employees are scheduled to work a minimum of 160 hours per 28-day period. Employees will receive overtime pay at the rate of one and one-half the regular rate of pay when hours worked exceed 171 in a 28 day work period. Employees may opt for compensatory time, in lieu of overtime pay, at the rate of one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime worked. Employees must advise in writing their desire to receive compensatory time. This document will be filed in their pay record located in the Department of Tax and Finance. **(This policy is effective for the work period of April 15, 2003.)**

Other provisions:

- a. Employees will receive straight time for each hour worked between 160 through 171.
- b. Correctional Center and Sheriff's employees may receive compensation for personal hours and vacation hours. Personal days and vacation hours will be paid at straight time when the employee exceeds 160 hours in a 28-day period. Personal days and vacation hours will not count towards overtime.
- c. Call back – employees will receive a minimum of three hours. Call back hours will count towards overtime.
- d. Correctional Center and Sheriff's employees will receive double time (up to eight hours) when working on a holiday. They will receive double time for all hours worked on a holiday in excess of 171 in a 28-day period.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Wood, to approve Ajor Lara Neveaux as new hire for Juvenile Detention. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve a budget amendment for County Correction Center salary line to add \$72,038 to allow for the 5 additional employees approved at the April 1, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Dan Hill, County Sheriff, addressed the board and requested that one half of the membership to the Sertoma Club for Robert Rost be allowed. Board denied this request.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2003.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

James Brownlee, County Auditor