

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 20, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check # 27411 thru Check #27638 in the amount of \$456,044.62, approval of overtime, approval of bonds for reissue of checks, and approval of sale of Northwood City lots to Northwood City. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adopt the Grand Forks County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried.

Greg Gust, National Weather Service, announced that Grand Forks County is storm ready and presented the County with a Storm Ready Certificate.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Dave Carpenter, US Marshal, addressed the board.

Jim Stout, Deputy US Marshal, addressed the board.

Scott Knain, Border Patrol, addressed the board.

Linda Wagner, Correctional Center, addressed the board.

The Chair appointed a committee to study increasing the bed space in the Correctional Center. The committee members included Commissioners Murphy and Malm, Peter Welte, along with any other staff that would be of help and report back in 60 days.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an Approach Permit application by Kevin Bonham and Pam Aaker-Bonham for an access with a 30 inch diameter culvert with aprons, approximately 60 feet from the east lot line of Lot "B" of Harley Bucholtz Survey located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Special Use Permit application by

Kevin Pifer for a variance to plant two rows of trees, the first to be 110 feet from centerline of County Road 4 located in the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 151 North, Range 54 West, Arvilla Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Bob Rock addressed the board.

Doug Herzog addressed the board.

Jeff Trosen, Hegton Township Supervisor, addressed the board.

Leroy Sletten, Hegton Township Zoning Board Member, addressed the board.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve a Special Use Permit application for a lot width variance of 230 feet for the single lot subdivision, Don Rock Property, located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 152 North, Range 54 West, Hegton Township, because of the unique layout of the surrounding landscape. Motion carried with Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to authorize the Chairwoman's signature on the Cooperative Technical Partner partnership agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, subject to review by the States Attorney and Finance and Tax Director. Motion carried.

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

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to go back up to 5 years on omitted property and collect taxes, penalty and interest, but if the omission was the result of a County error, a 60 day discount period will be allowed with no penalty and interest. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor