

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 18, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

The Board members were present for a Geographical Information System demonstration at 3:00.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes and bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check # 28117 thru Check #28327 in the amount of \$222,183.03. Motion carried.

Dawn Keeley, Red River Regional Council, addressed the board.

Kurt Eickhof, Eickhof Development Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to lower the interest rate from 7% to 6% on the Community Development Loan to Eickhof Development Group. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to purchase seven computers for the Property and Records Department, at a cost of approximately \$11,000, with the Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to purchase seven laptop computers to be used for the County Commission meetings, the cost will be between \$11,500 to \$12,200 to be taken from the miscellaneous line item in the General Fund. Motion carried.

Tom Saddler, Veteran Services Administrator, addressed the board.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on an agreement for on-line access to driver's license images on the NDDOT Driver's License Image Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bid from Reliance Telephone Systems for surveillance cameras to be used in the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp, exterior points of the County Office Building and exterior and interior points of the County Courthouse. The bid was \$51,935, with a grant from Homeland Security paying \$50,897 and the balance coming from the Sheriff's Department budget. Approval is based on the approval of the Homeland Security Grant. Motion carried with Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna voting aye and Malm and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the 2004 Supplemental Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$71,575.28 and the 2004 Law Enforcement WMD Grant in the amount \$38,050. Motion carried with Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve that all County Department Heads provide the Commission with their Homeland Security Grant proposals at least 30 days prior to approval along with an explanation for the grant. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Brad and Amy Warnke for a lot width variance of 255 feet for the Brad Warnke Single Lot Subdivision located in the SW ¼ of Section 13, Township 151 North, Range 53 West, Chester Township as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an Approach Permit application by Brad and Amy Warnke for an access with a 24 inch diameter culvert off 15th Avenue NE at the approximate center of the above stated lot as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Subdivision Permit application by Bill and Cheryl Widman for Widman Subdivision located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 149 North Range 50 West, Americus 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 Eddy Nesheim for a frontage variance for Eddy Nesheim Homestead Tract located in the NW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 150 North, Range 53 West, Pleasant View Township with the stipulation that a permanent private road easement be added for 1176.69 feet from the edge of 29th Street NE right-of-way to the end Tracts "A" and "B" as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Bethany Bolles, EERC, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, approve the Maintenance Agreements for all Townships in Grand Forks County, Reynolds City, Manvel City, Inkster City, Niagara City and Gilby City. Motion carried.

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

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the policy regarding the Courthouse walls. Motion carried. Policy is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

The Chair appointed Commissioners Kvasager and Murphy along with Ed Nierode to plan the open house for the County Courthouse.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to set the polling hours for Nodak, Carpet Girl and First Presbyterian Church from 7:00am to 8:00pm on June 8, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Delinquent Mobile Home Tax Collection Policy for Grand Forks County, as modified. Motion carried. The Policy is on file in the Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chair's signature on the Joint Powers Agreements with Grand Forks School District, Grand Forks Park District, Grand Forks City and the nine small Cities within the County for the Elections. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to send in the Court Facilities Improvements – Questionnaire with the number one priority being the repair of the exterior walls of the County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor