

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 15, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda with two items being added under number 16, Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, Employee Policy Manual change and the Computer Policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #28777 thru Check #28949 in the amount of \$227,839.23, approval of overtime, approval of game of chance permit for Grand Forks County 4-H Organization, Veteran Service Officer Report, approval of bond for check reissue and Sheriff's Department transport stats. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board regarding the Correctional Center Addition bids.

Moved by Malm, seconded Murphy, to reject all bids and rebid in January. Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to amend the motion and to reject all bids. Amendment carried with Murphy and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay. The amended motion carried with all in favor.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes from Marlene J. Amerine, on Pt NW1/14NE1/4, 12-151-55, Larimore Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2002 and 2003 taxes from Floyd Austin, on Unplatted Parts, Gilby City. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2002 taxes and approve, in part, the 2003 taxes from Roger & Alicia Tolliver, on Pt E1/2SE1/4, 1-151-54, Arvilla Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to appoint Timothy I. Mutchler to the Airport Authority Board for a five year term beginning July 1, 2004. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to recess the board and convene as the Board of Equalization.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to reconvened the County Commission Board at 4:50 P.M. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve a County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit with Construction Engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Rye Township Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Tim and Georgia Overby for a setback variance to plant trees 120 feet from centerline of County Highway 11 in the SE ¼ of Section 2, Township 152 North, Range 52 West, Blooming Township with the stipulation that low growth trees be planted at the intersection of County Highway Number 11 and 20th Street NE. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Barry and Lisa Botnen for a lot width variance to 275 feet for the single lot Botnen Subdivision located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve an Approach Permit application by Barry and Lisa Botnen for an access with a 24 inch diameter culvert with aprons, approximately 340 feet from the closest existing access for the above stated lot off 14th Street NE located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 35, Township 151 North, Range 51 West, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve a Subdivision Permit application by Richard Johnson for Johnsonville Subdivision with a 66 foot roadway easement located in the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 149 North, Range 50 West, Americus Township. Motion carried.

Moved Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to vacate an unused utility easement that runs through the Fairground Subdivision property. Motion carried.

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

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to have Peter Welte contract with an independent attorney to prepare the Title Opinion on the Fairground Subdivision property. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Personnel & Administrative Services, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to reconsider the following motion made and approved June 1, 2004, to approve the purchase of a new updated security system for the County Courthouse in the amount of \$8,835 using Homeland Security funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of a new updated security system for the County Courthouse in the amount of \$8,835, with 50% being paid by the State and 50% from Homeland Security funds. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode and Peter Welte were directed to prepare a computer policy to be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Murphy, to direct Ed Nierode to contact the Employees Association and ask if they would be willing to modify the Employee Policy Manual in regards to holiday time off for any day appointed by the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of North Dakota as a holiday. Motion dies for lack of second.

Ed Nierode will contact the Sheriff's Department to coordinate having the Courthouse open when the County closes but the State does not and the Buildings and Grounds Department to be available for emergencies in the County Office Building.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Lease Amendment and the Lease for Storage Space for the County Office Building with Northeast Human Services. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2004.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor