

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 22, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna, Malm and Triplett present. Commissioner Triplett participated via telephone from Bismarck.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, 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 bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #35420 thru Check #35690 in the amount of \$668,046.03, approval of overtime, approval of Veterans Service Office Report, approval of Financial Report, approve Game of Chance permit for Arvilla Community Club, approval of County Deed on parcel number 43-0001-00016-001 and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department transport stats. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Annual Storm Water Report. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to hire six part-time summer employees in the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode addressed the board on behalf of the Accident Review Committee.

Sgt. Gary Grove, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to overturn the recommendation of the Accident Review Committee. Motion carried.

Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the abatement for John and Brenda Pollack on the 2004 True and Full Values on parcel number 49-1801-00075-000 and 49-1801-00076-000 and the abatement for Damian and Teri Zebrosky on the 2004 True and Full Value on parcel number 46-0001-00421-000. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Mike Kuntz, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Wayne Anderson, River Cities Speedway, addressed the board.

Darren Evavold, River Cities Speedway, addressed the board.

Don Leonard, Attorney representing the Grand Forks Fair Board, addressed the board.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to hire ICON Architectural Group to move forward with the new Correction Center project and to redevelop a timeline for the project. Motion carried with Murphy, Malm and Yahna voting aye and Kvasager and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the purchase of a front mount mower from Pederson Implement Company for approximately \$18,000 from the County Miscellaneous Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to increase Ed Nierode's pay by \$10,000 effective March 1, 2005 and change his title to Director of Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to write off an uncollectible accounts receivable from Phillip Landis Ag Service of \$1,260 from 1992. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Chairman to sign letters in support of continuing the Community Development Block Grant Program to Senators Dorgan and Conrad and Representative Pomeroy. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to advertise for the Crime Prevention Program for four consecutive weeks, beginning the end of March with all applications due by June 30, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve out-of-state travel for Tom Saddler to attend the 15th Annual National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. Training Conference and Business Meeting to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 12-17, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor