

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 5, 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.

Chairman Murphy presented plaques provided by U.S. Navy Lt Cmdr (Ret) John A. Helley to Tom Saddler, Cathy Westensee, and Peggy Koehler (Veterans Service Office) in appreciation and recognition for their outstanding service to Lt Cmdr Helley.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of the agenda, adding Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department to the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #35691 thru Check #35896 in the amount of \$236,706.14, approval of overtime, approval of ND Game of Chance Site Authorization for Ashley Lions Club, approval of Beer License for Roma's Pizza, approval of Veterans Service Office Report and approval of County Deed on parcel number 44-0001-00027-000. Motion carried.

Chris Bleuenstein, Trial Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the purchase of 40 chairs for two courtrooms for \$14,480 from the District Court's budget. Motion carried.

Sherry Stover from the NDSU Extension Office addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program during the granting period of October 2004 through September 2006. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on a 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award of \$18,687. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to allow the Sheriff's Department to keep one of their used vehicles instead of trading it in. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to accept the low bid from Northern Technologies in the amount of \$2,450 for soil boring samples and reporting recommendations on the proposed site for the new Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Myron Knutson, Public Financial Management, addressed the board.

Gary Gardner, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

The Chair called for a Building Authority Meeting at 4:15pm on April 19, 2005.

Moved Yahna, seconded by Malm, to set up a Correctional Center Construction Fund and a Correctional Center Bond Fund and transfer \$500,000 from the County Reserve to the Correctional Center Construction Fund. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to increase the hourly wage range for general labor from \$8.50-\$10.00 to \$9.00-\$11.00 and for equipment operators from \$9.50-\$11.00 to \$10.00-\$12.00 per hour, as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor