

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 3, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #36429 thru Check #36650 in the amount of \$288,323.58, approval of overtime, approval of Bonds for Check Reissue and approval of Chair's signature on NDDOT Contract Amendment. Motion carried.

Al Morken, PSAP Director, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Dennis W. & Linda G. Gabriel, on the NW1/4, 32-150-52, Fairfield Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Renee Bjerke, on part of the E1/2 NW1/4, 26-149-55, Lind Township. Motion carried.

Mel Carsen, Grand Forks City Assessor, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from the Grand Forks Herald, on Lots 2, 4 & 6, Block 18, Original Townsite, Grand Forks City. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to set the fees for passport photos at \$13.00 for the general public and \$2.00 for County employees. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Terry Stromsodt, Grand Forks County Fair Board, addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chairman's and Auditor's signatures on a County Agreement for Construction of Federal Aid Project (Safety Program) for the proposed crossing work north of Thompson. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permits with Traill Water District on CR 32. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor