

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 17, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda adding Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to purchase an Uninterrupted Power Source, for approximately \$6,200, to be paid from the Computer Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included an employee status change, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #36776 thru Check #36812 and Check #36915 thru Check #37150 in the amount of \$496,356.76, approval of overtime, approval of Game of Chance Permit for Twining School and St. Olaf WELCA, GF County Sheriff's Dept Transport Stats, Veterans Service Office Report and approval of County Deed on 42-1601-00008-000 and 42-1601-00009-000. Motion carried.

Randy Lieberg, JLG Architects, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve access on County property for garbage pick-up at the Metropolitan Opera House, the cost to cement the area will be paid by JLG Architects. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Ronald Adams, on part of the NE1/4, 16-149-54, unplatted parts of the City of Northwood. Motion carried.

Frank Burkholder addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to deny the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Frank E. & Veona J Burkholder, on part of L2, 21-152-50, Falconer Township. Motion carried with Murphy, Triplett, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Yahna voting nay.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve, in part, the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Brent & Kathy Barry, on the West 12' of L11 & all L12, B77, Original Townsite of Larimore City. Motion carried.

Dan Hill, Grand Forks County Sheriff, addressed the board.

Ray Dohman addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement for the Joint Exercise of Governmental Powers Integration of Law Enforcement Special Operations Function. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to send Sheriff Hill's request to hire a part-time Deputy to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Al Morken, PSAP Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Chair to sign a resolution of support for the \$3,000,000 Department of Justice Grant. Motion carried.

The Chair declared a recess of the County Commission Meeting and called the Building Authority Meeting to order.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, that the Grand Forks County Auditor in consultation with Public Financial Management, Inc. and Arntson & Stewart, P.C. be authorized to prepare all necessary documents and offering materials to solicit proposals for the purchase of \$16,750,000 Lease Revenue Bonds to be issued by the Grand Forks County Building Authority (the "Authority") and to present the proposals to the Board and the Board of the Authority for consideration at their meetings of June 21, 2005. Motion carried with Murphy, Yahna, Malm and Triplett voting aye and Kvasager voting nay.

Ray Dohman objected to the motion.

The Chair adjourned the Building Authority Meeting and reconvened the County Commission Meeting.

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

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to reject the Fair Board's offer as presented and counter offer that the Fair Board would Quit Claim Lot 7 and to continue to negotiate the remainder of the Fairground Subdivision property. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to amend the motion to include the Fair Board to Quit Claim Lot 1. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to amend the amendment to include the Fair Board to Quit Claim Lot 1 and to continue to negotiate the remainder of the Fairground Subdivision property within the next 60 days and if it is not resolved by that time the

issue would be taken to District Court. Motion on the amendment to the amendment was carried. Motion on the amendment was carried. Motion as amended carried.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Triplett and Kvasager to negotiate with the Fair Board on the Fairground Subdivision Property.

Mark Walker, Grand Forks City Engineers Office, addressed the board.

Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, introduced Lane Magnuson, County Planner, to the board.

Carole McMahon, Planning and Zoning, addressed the board.

Walter Amundson addressed the board.

Richard Onstad, Highway Department Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve a Special Use Permit application by Walter Amundson for a variance to plant one tree row 82 feet from centerline of County Highway 14 in the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 153 North, Range 54 West, Wheatfield Township Approval is recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Ross Wieler addressed the board.

Ray Dohman addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve amending the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution by adding “Subdivision 15 Storage of Junk, Litter, Waste and Other Materials”. Approval is recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve amending the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution by adding “Subdivision 16 Abatement of Dangerous Buildings”. Approval is recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve amending the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution by adding to “Section 13A Fees”. Approval is recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the April 2005 Financial Report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with ICON Architectural Group. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Insurance Proposal from Thompson Insurance for the Grand Forks County Jail Builders Risk. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Lutheran Social Services Attendant Care Program. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to nominate Keith Berger to the Child Support Enforcement Task Force. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2005.

William Murphy, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor