

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 7, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna and Triplett present. Commission Malm was absent because he was at a BRAC meeting in Denver.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda with Robert Rost, Sheriff's Department, being added after item 5. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Kvasager, to remove the Employee Status Changes from the consent agenda and to approve the remaining items in the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #37151 thru Check #37345 in the amount of \$576,161.19, approval of overtime, approval of bond for check reissue, Veterans Service Office Report, GF County Sheriff's Department Transport May 2005 Stats, Game of Chance permit for Grand Forks County 4-H. Motion carried.

Presiding Judge Karen Braaten addressed the board regarding North Dakota Supreme Court Administrative Rule 52 - Interactive Television, which became effective June 1, 2005. Judge Braaten has some concerns on how this rule will affect the new Correctional Center.

The public hearing for the Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Business for Telpro Inc. was opened. No one from the public appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Jon Ramsey, representing Telpro Inc., addressed the board.

Larry Young, Telpro Inc., addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve 100% for the first three years and 50% for the next two years for a New or Expanding Business Exemption for Telpro Inc. Motion failed with Yahna and Triplett voting nay and Kvasager voting aye.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve a New or Expanding Business Exemption for Telpro Inc for five years as follows 100% in the first year than 80%, 60%, 40% and 20% in the final year. Motion carried.

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

Robert Rost, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on an Agreement for the Joint Exercise of Governmental Powers, Integration of Law Enforcement Special Operations Function between Grand Forks Police Department, the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office and the University of North Dakota Police Department. Motion carried.

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

The Board of County Commissioners was reconvened.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on a ND Dept of Transportation County Agreement for Construction of Federal Aid Project Title II Safety Program for railroad/highway automatic signals on CR 1 at Johnstown, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chairman's signature on a Land Transfer Agreement between the City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County Water Resource District and Grand Forks County for the relocation of legal drain #4 for Grand Forks Flood Protection Project. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Employee Status Change for David Michael Stromberg. The position will be part-time at an average of 19 hours a week and non-benefited. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Employee Status Change for Riel LaFontaine, effective June 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to authorize Department Managers the authority to allow employees up to two hours, provided workload permits, to attend the BRAC Commission Meeting at the Chester Fritz on June 23rd. Employees who attend will not be charged leave and no time will be compensated to employees who are unable to attend. The Commission also encourages employees not scheduled to work to attend this important meeting to show support for maintaining the refueling mission. Motion carried with Kvasager and Yahna voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to open the Larimore Building demolition bids. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

Kilichowski Trucking & Construction	\$4,740.00
Berger Enterprises	5,990.00

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to accept the low bid from Kilichowski Trucking & Construction for \$4,740, subject to approval from the Larimore City Council, with the cost to be shared 50-50 with Larimore City. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Employee Status Changes for Terence R. Adams, Dana M. Hunsberger, Curtis A. Garrett and Meredith H Larson. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following resolution: The Grand Forks County Commission hereby resolves to establish as a goal for the 2006 budget to reduce the mill levy by 3 mills. This is a target, and is not at this time a firm

commitment. The Grand Forks County Commission further resolves to continue working with other taxing entities in Grand Forks County to minimize the tax burden in a fiscally responsible fashion. Motion carried.

Chairman Murphy appointed Commissioner Malm to the Local Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on a Boat Safety Grant Award Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Northeast Human Service Center lease for storage space. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2005.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor