

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 2, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

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

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda after the removal of an employee status sheet. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the items in the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #38457 thru Check #38643 in the amount of \$726,925.80, approval of overtime, approval of bonds for check reissue, approval of Veterans Service Office report and approval of Juvenile Justice Accountability Block Grant. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on a County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit for Qwest Corporation to place a 3PR 19GA Bur Svc Wire crossing on County Road 22 in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 15,149-52, Union Twp and in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 22,149-52, Union Twp. Motion Carried

Gary Hangsleben, Sr., Director of the Children's Center, addressed the board.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Dorothy Horner on Lot 22, Block A, Washington Estates Resubdivision, City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Doug West addressed the board.

Jim Stewart, attorney representing Easter Seals Goodwill, Inc., addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, for preliminary approval of the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Mortgage Revenue Bonds for the Easter Seals Goodwill, Inc. Project subject to final approval in January 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to open bids for the Sheriff Department's surplus vehicles. Motion carried.

The winning bids are as follows: 1998 Travel Trailer – Tim Anderson, \$4,378.50; 1971 Kaiser Truck – Rory Grewier, \$2,002.22; Military ½ ton Truck – Patrick Maddock, \$1,356.89; Hovercraft – Terry Birkholtz, \$76.97; 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe – Roger Simundson, \$7,777.00; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria – Suburban Auto, \$2,278.00.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to accept the bids and give Sheriff Hill the authority to accept the second bid if the high bid backs out. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the proceeds from the sale of the Sheriff's vehicles be used towards the purchase and refurbishing of a Rescue Truck for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the temporary File Clerk position in the States Attorney's office be made a permanent position with benefits starting at the initial date of hire. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to have a job description written for Susie Volker in the Property and Records Department and forwarded to Dorothy Person with pay to be effective immediately if approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to nominate Debbie Nelson as Grand Forks County's delegate to the NDACO Annual Conference for the next two years. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to have this entered into the minutes that on August 1, 2005, the public acknowledged Arvin Kvasager's hard work and many years of service on the Grand Forks Housing Authority Board by dedicating the Continental Homes Learning Center as the Kvasager Learning Center in his honor. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2005.

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William Murphy, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Marjorie Holweger, Deputy Auditor