

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 4, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda, adding Richard Onstad after item number 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include an employee status change for Toni Marie Kain; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #113838 thru Check #114017 in the amount of \$251,379.36; overtime; Beer License for Roma's Pizza; County Deed on parcel number 15-3302-0003-000, Game of Chance Permits for Larimore Golf Club and St. Olaf WELCA, Forest Stewardship Application for Sue Russell, Bond for check reissue; Site Authorization for Ashley Lions Club and the Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent and Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director gave a report on the flooding in Grand Forks County.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to formally adopt the following Grand Forks County Emergency Declaration:

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County has received damage to roads, bridges, culverts, farmlands and potential damage to homes, businesses and other public facilities from overland flooding and the flooding of tributaries to the Red River of the North. The Red River of the North has also exceeded flood stage.

WHEREAS, the impact of the flooding has threatened the health, well being and public safety of citizens in Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cleanup, repair and replacement of such damaged facilities may be in excess of available County resources.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Grand Forks County, a municipal corporation by and through the Board of County Commissioners, Grand Forks County, North Dakota, declares Grand Forks County, its cities, its public and private areas, to be an emergency area and orders the activation and utilization of the Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of the emergency upon the citizens of Grand Forks County.

DATED at Grand Forks, North Dakota, this 3rd day of April 2006.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve a budget amendment of \$10,000 in the Emergency Response line item in the Emergency Managements budget. Motion carried.

John Hanson was not present so he was taken off the agenda.

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chairman's signature on a Purchase of Service Agreement between the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department for a \$6,000 grant for an enforcement program directed at underage drinking violations for the period March 31, 2006 thru March 2007. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the proposals from Reliance Telephone Systems for the new Correctional Center employee telephone system at a cost of \$18,000 and the telephone and data cabling at cost of \$39,000, as recommended by the Information Systems Director. These amounts were budgeted in the Correctional Center project. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Mr. Welte reported that there is an opening on the Grand Forks County Weed Board. The County Commission Board could consider the applications that were received in December 2005 or they could advertise to fill the position. Debbie Nelson will pull the December applications.

At 4:30pm the Chairman opened the public hearing for the Northlands Rescue Mission MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to table the resolution authorizing the Northlands Rescue Mission MIDA Bonds until Jim Stewart arrives. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the BRAC Realignment Consulting Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to take off the table the Northland Rescue Mission MIDA Bond resolution. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$450,000 North Dakota Mortgage Revenue Bonds for the Northlands Rescue Mission, Inc. Project. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution is on file at the County

Finance and Tax Office. The bonds will be subject to a fee of 1% of total issuance, with a maximum of \$10,000.

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Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to forward the PSAP-City-County Agreement to the States Attorney to draft a contract for the lease of the second floor area of the old Correctional Center for the relocation of PSAP. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the market survey by the Government Management Group at a cost of \$6,950. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode reported that he had received an email from the EERC that stated the meeting for the Red River Water Management Consortium has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 9:30.

Commissioner Triplett reported she has visited with the State Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation regarding the possibility of locating a transitional living arrangement on the first floor of the old Correctional Center.

Commissioner Malm reported on his and Tom Saddler's visit to the Link regarding the possibility of a food cart in the County Office Building.

Commissioner Yahna stated that, the Commission should begin the process of putting the former Social Services Building on the market. Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, will work on setting a price for the building.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to accept the low quote from Whalen's Moving & Storage for \$840.00 to move the ballot boxes, Automarks and folding tables to the rural polling sites for the Primary Election, June 13, 2006. Motion carried.

The agenda item of charging for reissuing checks will be discussed at the next meeting.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:18. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2006.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, Auditor