

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 18, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda, adding Dean Dahl after item number 5. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include an employee status change for Ashley Fouhy, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #114157 thru Check #114195 and Check #114300 thru Check #114529 in the amount of \$2,313,580.51, overtime, bond for check reissue and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

No one from the Sheriff's Department was present so they were taken off the agenda.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, presented a diagram of how the County Office Building, Sheriff's Department and Courthouse will be connected by fiber optic cables to the new Correctional Center.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to purchase five PC's for the Sheriff's Department at an estimated cost of \$6,000 to be paid from the Computer Budget. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on a letter to the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of FEMA providing a list of the townships which we sponsor in the National Flood Insurance Program. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a financial report for March 2006.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, that it is the policy of the Grand Forks County Commission that in situations where townships wish to have the County take over the zoning of a particular township that the entire County Zoning Regulations apply and partial zoning would not be allowed. Grand Forks County will not be liable for any actions taken by any townships that have previously exercised their own zoning authority. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, informed the Commission that he had given Mr. Wood some direction on the sale of the old Social Services Building. He has also been in contact with Pete Haga regarding the Airport Authority Charter or procedures to allow the member of the County Commission, who is also a member of the Airport Authority, be a voting member. He is working on the PSAP agreement and Mr. Welte reported on his conversation with Steve Engen regarding a Regional Correctional Center. Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to get an estimate to abate the asbestos from the old Social Service Building. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board regarding the file storage by the Courts in the old Social Service Building.

Commissioner Triplett addressed the board regarding her concerns about the benchmark job descriptions and that she asked Dorothy Persons to rewrite the job descriptions.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bid from Brite-Way Window Cleaning for \$4,750 to clean the exterior windows on the County Office Building to be paid from the miscellaneous line item in the General Fund and to have the Building and Grounds staff clean the windows in the Courthouse. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board regarding charging a fee for checks that have been lost or destroyed. It was decided that no policy would be made at this time.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to set the polling hours at Bible Baptist Church, Nodak and First Presbyterian Church for 7:00am to 8:00pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor