

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 1, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of the agenda adding Amy Brooks from Lutheran Services after the consent agenda. Motion carried with Kvasager, Yahna, Triplett and Murphy voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #116861 thru Check #116877, Check #116884 thru Check #117045 and Check #117065 and Check #117069 in the amount of \$772,880.88, employee status changes for Gwen Cwikla, overtime and a Game of Chance Permit for Forks Rifle Club. Motion carried.

Amy Brooks, Lutheran Social Services, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to authorize the County to act as applicant on behalf of Lutheran Social Services for a Title V Grant Application. The County will be a pass thru agent and will assume no financial responsibility. The Grant Application will be approved at the August 15, 2006 Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board regarding the new Correctional Center. He said that they are currently on track with the expenses and with the completion date. The change orders will be considered at the next meeting.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the purchase of 11 PC's for the new Correctional Center at an estimated cost of \$12,100 to be paid from the Correctional Center Bond Fund. Motion carried.

Chris Bleuenstein, District Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve security locks for the courtrooms in the Grand Forks County Courthouse at a cost of \$4,632. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board regarding an overview of Grand Forks County's Homeland Security Grant that we received in 2006.

Sandra Simonson, Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, was not present so agenda item number 9 was skipped.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Ross Weiler, 701 N 3rd St., addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to require Mr. Ross Weiler to submit a screening plan and letter within one week that demonstrates how his property in Section 17 of Brenna Township is to be properly screened. In addition, Mr. Weiler is to complete the fence construction and screening by October 1, 2006, as well as keeping the fence maintained to planning staff's satisfaction or they may proceed with the process of having the junk removed from the property at the owner's expense pursuant to Subdivision 15 of the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution. Motion carried with Murphy, Triplett and Kvasager voting aye and Malm and Yahna voting nay.

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to increase the mileage rate to 45 cents for the civil process service and to look at the mileage rate for the 2007 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chairman's signature on a North Dakota Department of Transportation Amendment to Contract No. 09-151-1205. Motion carried with Murphy, Triplett, Yahna and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the ad, as presented, for the of the sale of the old Grand Forks County Social Services Building and lot behind building with a bid date of September 19, 2006 and a 10% bid bond. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to direct all Department Heads to give a copy of every contract that their department is currently working under to the Finance and Tax Office to be scanned in and reviewed annually. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, and Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, have been working on the States Attorney's Computer Policy. Mr. Welte will present it to the board at the next meeting.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, that the motion made on July 18, 2006 to increase the County mileage rate to 45 cent, effective August 1, 2006, applies to all boards governed by the County Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the individualized running assessments for our County law enforcement employees at a rate of \$10 per employee, as a one-time addendum to our ongoing group membership at Center Court. The maximum cost would be \$800.00. Moved carried with Triplett, Murphy and Malm voting aye and Yahna and Kvasager voting nay.

Captain Linda Wagner addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the hiring of seven new positions for the new Correctional Center Facility; four Correctional Officer I positions, two Cooks and one Maintenance/Custodian position. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to turn over the letter from Larimore City regarding overgrown vegetation, on lots 13-21 block 95, Original Townsite, Larimore City, to the County Planning Department and the County States Attorney Office to work with the City of Larimore on this issue and report back to the Commission at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Kvasager allowed up to \$100 to be spent for a door prize for the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, Auditor