

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 15, 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 Triplett, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #117195 thru Check #117248, Check #117345 thru Check #117540 in the amount of \$781,147.10, employee status changes for Kenneth Freeman, Terence Adams, Amanda Sawyer, Lonny Fortman, Nichole R. Lunski, David Michael Stromberg, Donald A. Purpur, James Carey, Craig McGoven, Chad Sherod and Carolyn Purpur, overtime, Veterans Service Office Report and approval of bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dan Hill recommended that the Burn Ban remain in place. The Commission will reconsider the Burn Ban at their next Commission Meeting.

Amy Brooks, Lutheran Social Services, addressed the board.

Moved Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chair's signature on the Title V Grant Application for Lutheran Social Services. Motion carried.

Sandra Simonson, Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on a Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for Scott Osowski, Judith Lizakowski and Gary Sherlock. The Hazard Mitigation Grant will be paid 75% by Federal, 10% by State and 15% by the homeowner. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the abatement application of Richard A. & Renee A. Johnson on the 2005 True and Full Value on unplatted parts, pt. NE ¼, section 9, Northwood City. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the abatement application of Michael Coachman on the 2005 True and Full Value on lots 13 thru 20, block 43, Original Townsite, Larimore City. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application of Growing Together, Inc. on the 2005 True and Full Value on lots 19 & 20, block 9, Riverside Park Addition, Grand Forks City. Motion carried.

Jesse Tweten, 773 93<sup>rd</sup> St, Grand Forks, ND 58203 and Tammy Erickson, 9370 Mahlum Ct NE, Grand Forks, ND 58203, addressed the board regarding whether the Agassiz Estate Addition roads are public or private. Peter Welte, States Attorney, will meet with Lane Magnuson, County Planner, Commissioners Malm and Yahna to discuss this matter and report back at the next meeting.

Myron Knutson, Public Financial Management, addressed the board.

Jon Ramsey, Assurity Finance & Development, LLC, addressed the board.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for the University of North Dakota Research Foundation Project MIDA Bonds. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of \$6, 500,000 Mortgage Revenue Bonds for the University of North Dakota Research Foundation 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.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

The Chairman opened the public hearings for the Zoning and Subdivision Resolution Updates. No one from the public appeared. The hearing was closed. The Zoning and Subdivision Resolution Updates will be acted on at the next meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to include Moraine Township under Grand Forks County Zoning Regulation. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the demolition of two buildings located on Lots 13-21, Block 95, Original Townsite, Larimore, subject to 50% participation by the City of Larimore. The lots will be sold to the City of Larimore after the demolition. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the application of Richard Ostlie for a Special Use Permit for a variance to allow an agricultural structure to be placed 50' from centerline of a minimum maintenance township road in the NE ¼ of Section 21, Northwood Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to not accept the screening plan submitted by Ross Weiler and to 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.

The illegal sign on Lot 5, Nesheim Housing Tract, Section 6 of Brenna Township was discussed. No action was taken by the County Commission Board. The matter will be turned over to the States Attorney on August 20, 2006.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, gave the States Attorney's report.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to removed Elected Official from the Grand Forks County pay plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to increase the part-time hourly employee's wages in the Juvenile Detention Center to \$10.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2006. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm volunteered to be the Safety Commissioner until the end of this year.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve up to \$30,000 for tools, John Deere mower and snow blower for the new Correctional Center, to be paid from the Correctional Center miscellaneous line item. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Reorganization Plan 2006 from the Finance and Tax Director and below, effective October 1, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Planning and Zoning as a separate department, the County Planner will be an exempt position, effective October 1, 2006 and the Building Inspector will be reduced to 20 hours per week, effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to appoint Commissioner Yahna to the Regional Airport Authority Small Community Air Service Development Grant Committee. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy, Triplett and Malm voting aye and Yahna voting nay.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the letter to Carla Flanagan, US Marshals Service, regarding the Intergovernmental Service Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on letters regarding our contracts for housing inmates. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to authorize Mr. Welte to negotiate a new contract with the City of Emerado for \$100.00 to house Emerado City inmates. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the following contracts and change orders on the new correctional center: F001 Advance Fire Protection \$10,348, F002 Advance Fire Protection \$2,460, F003 Advance Fire Protection \$805, 003 Construction Engineers (BP#02) \$15,194,002 Construction Engineers (BP#03) \$23,738, H001 Custom Aire \$4775, FS2 Dakota Food Equipment \$1,509.05, T002 Johnson Controls \$989, M003 Lunseth Plumbing \$2,206, C6-008 OPP Construction \$52,934.11 and E003 Sun Electric \$5,250. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to receive and file the Local Road Coordinators' Conference letter. Motion carried.

Marge Holweger was appointed as the United Way Coordinator.

Peter Welte was directed to reply to Clarence and Kathryn Wangsnes' letter.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to accept Mr. Robert Wood's retirement date of September 30, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2006.

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Arvin Kvasager, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, Auditor