

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 7, 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 Yahna, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda include employee status changes for Debbie Nelson, Lane Magnuson, Ryan Thompson, Clifford Van Buren; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #118991 thru Check #119197 in the amount of \$1,499,731.92, overtime, Game of Chance Permits for Nathan Twining Elementary Middle School and Washington Church, Veterans Service Office Report, County Road Encroachment and Crossing permits. County Deed on parcel number 45-3119-00015-000, Quit Claim Deed on parcel number 44-2101-00033-000 and County Bond for Check Reissue. Motion carried.

Marv Eckman from the State Auditor's Office submitted the Audit Report for the year of 2005. The Board accepted the Audit Report. It is available in the Finance and Tax Department.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the Board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the RFP for the Aerospace Program, paid for by a grant from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). Motion carried.

Deb Carlson, Juvenile Court, addressed the Board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. Motion carried.

Ed Schulz addressed the Board concerning the water drainage issue on his property. Commissioner Kvasager stated he will look into this matter. Also Mr. Welte will attend the Water Board meeting on November 15, 2006 on the Board's behalf.

Gary Gardner appeared before the Board on the Order for Compliance on the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Moved by Triplett to fire Mr. Gardner, seconded by Yahna. Motion carried with Triplett, Yahna, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm to appointed Captain Wagner as the interim Correctional Center Administrator. Motion carried. It was also stated that an increase in pay should be considered for Captain Wagner. Captain Wagner addressed the Board

stating she was on vacation this week, but that she would report to work the following day.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the Board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the application of Richard Weiner for the Manufactured Home permit on Lot 2 Block 1 of The Hall Housing Tract in Section 4 of Rye Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Yahna, to approve the request to amend the Planning & Zoning fee schedule to include a variance fee of \$75. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Department had nothing to report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the Board concerning a letter on Agassiz Estates Subdivision which is ready for the chairman's signature.

Mr. Welte requested an executive session regarding a separate pending legal case.

Motion by Malm, seconded by Murphy to adjourn for an executive session. It was 5:29pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. It was 5:37pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode addressed the Board. The Economic Impact Study will be presented to the County Commission and the City Council on November 15th. A copy of the report will be submitted to the Board and the Cities of Hatton, Northwood, Larimore and Emerado.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to deny Chris Hutton's request for the fitness bonus based on his time in the preliminary fitness run. Motion carried with Murphy, Yahna, Malm and Kvasager voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy to table the matter of Elected Officials pay until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm stated that there will be a meeting on the Merrifield Bridge.

Mr. Godfread, County Superintendent of School, would like a committee formed to deal with the Hatton and Northwood schools consolidation. Mr. Welte checked and there needs to be five people appointed for three year terms. Mr. Godfread is requesting that Myrna Johnson from Northwood, and John Horpedahl and Richard Ray from Grand Forks be appointed. Two additional people will also need to serve on this committee.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna to appoint the above mentioned individuals to a Committee to study to Hatton and Northwood School consolidation. Motion carried.

The Regional Airport Authority Board membership was tabled till the next meeting.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the agreement with the US Marshals Service. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the reimbursement to the US Customs. Motion carried.

The letter from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson will be forwarded to Richard Onstad, GF County Highway Superintendent.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2006.

Arvin Kvasager, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Deana Mayotte, Treasurer's Assistant