

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 20, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda adding an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for legal consultation from the States Attorney, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Hollie Houle, Jennifer Gabel, Timothy Robert Serr and Jennifer Marie Hines, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #121794 thru Check #121830, Check #121935 thru Check #121996 and Check #122107 thru Check #122348 in the amount of \$1,080,898.09, approval of overtime, approval of a Game of Chance Permit for Elk Valley WELCA and the GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Ed Schulz, 3291 21st Ave NE, Arvilla, addressed the board regarding water drainage issues on his property. Commissioner Kvasager, Peter Welte, Richard Axvig and Jerry Pribula will have a meeting to try and resolve this issue and report back to the Commission on March 6th.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the abatement application for Raymond and Dorothy Spicer on parcel number 44-1206-00343-000 for 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to deny the abatement application for Colleen Varnson on parcel number 39-2403-00001-001 for 2006. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve a 10% increase in the Maintenance Agreements for all townships and incorporated towns because of increased operating costs. Motion carried.

Captain Linda Wagner, Interim Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the letter requesting medical service for the Correctional Center inmates and send it to the surrounding medical facilities. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the application of Paul Brundell for the plat of Westview Subdivision located in section 25 of Blooming Township, with the following condition: the applicant shall submit to the Planning Department copies of the maintenance agreements for the roads and storm water facilities prior to the Planning Department signing off on the plat. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the January 2007 financial report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve a reasonable amount of comp time and/or overtime for the States Attorney's Office, with prior approval from the Finance and Tax Director and the Director of Administration. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, was asked to gather additional information regarding the letter from the North Dakota Department of Emergency Management and report back at the next meeting.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to receive and file the letter from Presiding Judge Medd commending the maintenance staff, Tavia Clark and Wayne Riendeau, at the Grand Forks County Courthouse for the terrific job of keeping the courthouse clean and presentable. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. It was 5:05pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. It was 5:29pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to reject the settlement offer from Pat Morley, Gary Gardner's attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to make a counter settlement offer of \$10,000. Motion carried with Malm, Triplett, Murphy and Knauf voting aye and Kvasager voting nay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2007.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor