

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 19, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Cody Majerus, Carole Hadlich, Jason Johnston, Damon Pearson and Jackie Simon, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #124914 thru Check #124947, Ck#124949 thru Ck#125224 in the amount of \$790,918.36, approval of overtime, approval of the Financial Report, approval of Bond for Check Reissue, GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics and approval of applications for game of chance permits for Larimore Golf Club. Motion carried.

Mr. McFarlane from Environmental Engineering addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the proposal from Environmental Engineering. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the contract with Environmental Engineering to audit the energy of the GF County Correctional Center, with the funds being paid out of the capital improvement fund. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Grand Forks County Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit – Midcontinent Communications. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit – GF-Traill Water District. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the County Agreement for Construction of Federal Aid Project. Motion carried.

Amber Sieber, County Director of Tax Equalization, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the abatement application for Frank Burkholder on parcel number 13-2103-00004-000 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value from \$121,800 to \$9,800 and the 2006 True and Full Value from \$129,100 to \$10,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the recommendation of the Tax Director and deny the application for abatement for Marsha Williamson on parcel number 46-0001-00324-000. Motion carried.

The Grand Forks County Commission board recessed and convened as the Grand Forks County Board of Equalization.

The Grand Forks County Commission board reconvened.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Special Use Permit request of Knute Thorsgard to operate a confined animal feeding operation in the NE1/4 of Section 15 of Lind Township with the following conditions. Motion carried.

1. The confined animal feeding operation shall be limited to 999 animal units and shall only consist of Beef Cattle.
2. Staff shall receive an as built drawing from the project engineer with final elevations of proposed diversion and pond walls.
3. The applicant shall maintain a financial guarantee with the County in the amount of \$25,000 to correct any damages to the road systems or environment that the feedlot may cause.
4. Any violation of the manure management plan may result in the revocation of the special use permit.
5. A variance is granted by the County Commission to expand this feedlot closer than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile from waters of the state.
6. An inspection shall take place every four (4) years to ensure the conditions of the permit are being upheld.
7. The top of diversion dike 2B and the walls of Holding Pond 2 maintain a minimum elevation of 494 feet as shown on sheet 4 of the engineering plans.
8. The applicant shall submit to the planning department a quarterly inventory report as to how many animals are on the feedlot.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Variance request of Knute Thorsgard to locate a confined animal feeding operation 60 feet from waters of the state in the NE1/4 of Section 15 of Lind Township with the following conditions. Motion carried.

1. The top of diversion dike 2B and the walls of Holding Pond 2 maintain a minimum elevation of 494 feet as shown on sheet 4 of the engineering plans.

Noting that granting the variance would be abating point source pollution of an existing feedlot which was grandfathered in before the County's feedlot regulations were in place. In no way would this action be setting a precedent for granting future variances for feedlot request.

Mike Fonder, Grand Forks County Sheriffs Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F250 pickup with a Super Duty Crew Cab, 4X4, 9900 GRVW, 6.4 Liter Diesel engine with a 12,400 lb. tow capacity. Total Spec #SSP15-4 w/options \$31,105. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Altru Health System Agreement for Independent Contracted Services. Motion Carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Johnson Controls Service Agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve advertising the Corrections Administrator's position in the Jamestown Sun, Fargo Forum, Bismarck Tribune, GF Herald and the Crookston Times and Shopper in the amount of \$4,635.24. Captain Wagner's in-house application will be considered along with these applications. If the commission feels they need additional applicants, the position will then be advertised in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the lease agreement for 5,775 square feet of office space located on the north end of the first floor within the County Office Building located at 151 South 4<sup>th</sup> St. The State will pay rent for the premises at \$12.45 per square foot per annum, or approximately \$71,899 per annum. The lease will be for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2007. Approval is based on the lease agreement being reviewed by Peter Welte. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the employee status of Judy DelValle to be appointed Correctional Center Cook Supervisor for a 6 month trial period. Motion carried.

Commissioners Triplett and Malm, Mr. Neirode and Captain Wagner met with Judy Tunseth, Director of Food Services for Grand Forks Public schools, to start the process of reducing the costs in the Correctional Center kitchen. Ms Tunseth has offered her assistance, and the commission may have Ms Nelson from the Finance and Tax Office identify someone to help with the bidding process.

The commission will review the 62 applicants for the Veteran's Service Officer by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Bob Hanson and the personnel committee will interview on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The county received a letter from Chad & Nikki Jehs requesting that the county sell parcel number 44-1803-00220-000 for \$3,500. This property is listed on the county's tax

sale list for \$5,039. Mr Malm stated that the county cannot sell the property for less than the taxes and specials that are assessed on this property.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the purchase of lap top computers. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm. The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2007.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Deana Mayotte, Assistant Treasurer