

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 10, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2007 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda adding Captain Wagner after item 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #125225 thru Check #125437 and Check #125558 thru Check #125595 in the amount of \$584,622.94, approval of overtime, approval of Pledges of Security, Veterans Service Office Report, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Transport Statistics and employee status changes for Brandi Soli and Shawn Thompson. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to tint the windows in pods 2 and 3 at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center at a cost of \$7,014.60 to be paid from the Capital Improvements Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to have Peter Welte prepare a proposal to sell or lease, for a year, Lot 5, Block 1, Fairgrounds Subdivision for review at the first meeting in August. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AN IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE FOR HOUSE BILL 1332
RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY PERIOD AND WAIVER OF
PENALTY AND INTEREST

WHEREAS, The 60th North Dakota State Legislature has shortened the time period in which property tax can remain unpaid from the current fifty-seven months to thirty-three months; and

WHEREAS, The reduction in time period allowed for property tax payments may create a hardship for citizens of Grand Forks County that have delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, The 60th North Dakota State Legislature has provided the authority for the Board of County Commissioners of Grand Forks County to establish a policy to waive all or part of penalties and interest on delinquent real estate taxes if the board of county commissioners believes the reduced period for payment of property taxes creates a hardship for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, The policy for the waiver of all or part of the penalties and interest must be applied uniformly to all taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, of Grand Forks County, North Dakota, as follows:

1. That the County of Grand Forks adopts a uniform policy of waiver of all penalties and interest assessed against a real estate property where all delinquent and current taxes are paid during the period commencing on August 1, 2007 through the 1st day of October 2007.
2. That the County of Grand Forks shall inform owners of property that have delinquent property taxes in Grand Forks County of the reduction in the time period for the payment property taxes through a direct mailing to the address on record for each of the properties and through public notices published in *Grand Forks Herald*, the official newspaper of Grand Forks County.
3. That the County of Grand Forks shall inform owners of property that have delinquent property taxes of the potential savings resulting from the waiver of all penalties and interest through a direct mailing to the address on record for each of the properties. Motion carried with Malm, Murphy, Knauf and Kvasager voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Jay Kleven, EAPC Architects Engineers, presented the Final Assessment Report on the Grand Forks County Parking Ramp.

Commissioner Triplett left the meeting during Jay Kleven's report.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Plat of Meadow View Second Subdivision consisting of 18 lots on 47.39 acres.

With the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall submit to the Planning Department copies of the maintenance agreements for the roads and stormwater facilities prior to the Planning Department signing off on the plat.

2. The following note shall be stated on the plat prior to the Planning Department signing off on the plat:

All interior roads shall be privately maintained. Document Number _____.

3. Submit a completed PCA, phase II stormwater plan application to Planning Staff prior to the Planning Department signing off on the plat. Motion carried.

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

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve no merit pay increases for Grand Forks County employees for 2008. Motion carried.

Ed Schulz, 3291 21st Ave NE, Arvilla, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next meeting will be held on July 24, 2007.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor