

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 24, 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 July 10, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of agenda adding Barbara Zavala after item 5. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #125596 thru Check #125662, Check #125738 thru Check #125976 in the amount of \$776,331.56, employee status changes for James Widdel, Clifford VanBuren, Donald Porter, Mike Hjelmeland and Daniel Boyer, approval of overtime and approval of County Deed on parcel number 44-1803-00220-000. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, P.C., addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the resolution approving the renewal of the lease of the County Correctional Center and the levy of a tax for the payment thereof. Motion carried with Malm, Murphy, Knauf and Kvasager voting aye.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the hiring of Ms. Barbara Zavala for the Veterans Service Officer position. Motion carried.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement for Andrew Landman on parcel number 46-0001-00197-000 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$99,200 to \$60,000. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Triplett joined the meeting at 4:14pm.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Simplex Grinnell Inspection Plus Proposal – solution 1 for the Correctional Center at a cost of \$11,932 per year effective 9/1/2007 to 8/31/2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to table discussion on the Accurate Controls Contracts until the August 7, 2007 Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve Captain Wagner's signature on the Altru Hospital Pharmacy Agreement to provide emergency medications for inmates detained at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve Simplex Grinnell Inspection Plus Proposal for the Juvenile Detention Center, Courthouse and the old Correctional Center at a cost of \$5,596, effective 12/1/2007 to 11/30/2008. Motion carried.

Sergeant Jon Simundson, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to transfer a used Sheriff's Department 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Juvenile Detention Center. Juvenile Detention will transfer \$4,000 to the Sheriff's Department budget for the value of the vehicle. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the National Recreational Boating Safety Program Agreement with the North Dakota Game & Fish Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve \$1,000 from the miscellaneous line item in the General Fund to help fund the "National Night Out" event, provided the Sheriff runs the dunk tank. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve updating the AS/400 computer system. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Murphy, Peter Welte and Ed Nierode to meet with Municipal Court to discuss weekend commitments.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Chairman Malm said the Personnel Committee will interview the applicants for the Correctional Center Administrator position and bring back their recommendations to the full board. Keith Berger will be asked to be involved in the interviews. The interviews will be scheduled the second week of August.

Chairman Malm asked Ed Nierode to contact ICON Architectural Group to get a cost for replacing the boilers for the Courthouse and the old Correctional Center and bring it back to the Building Committee.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to cancel the taxes on parcel numbers 24-0103-00002-000 and 24-0104-00002-000 and issue a Quit Claim Deed to Donald G. Ruud and Phyllis D. Ruud. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm presented the 2006 Super SPA Supporter plaque to Commissioner Kvasager.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2007.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor