

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 7, 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 Murphy, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the order of agenda deleting item number 8, Planning and Zoning. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #125977 thru Check #126156 in the amount of \$471,520.28, employee status changes for Brooks Johnson, Cameron Michael McClenahan, Jill Dregson, Joshua Brottlund, approval of overtime, approval of Quit Claim Deed on parcel numbers 24-0103-00002-000 and 24-0104-00002-000 and Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Bob Bauer, Larimore Volunteer Ambulance, addressed the board via the telephone.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the invoice from Larimore Volunteer Ambulance for \$400 and direct the States Attorney to negotiate a contract with the Larimore and Northwood Ambulance Service for future services. Motion carried.

Amy Brooks, Lutheran Social Services, addressed the board.

Moved Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the Title V Grant Application for Lutheran Social Services. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chairman's signature on the 2008-2009 County Federal Aid Program after adding paving the three miles of gravel on County Road 1, west of Inkster as a Demonstration Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit for Dakota Carrier Network, LLC on County Road 81. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to accept bids until 4:00 p.m., September 18, 2007, at the Department of Finance and Tax, Grand Forks County Office Building, PO Box 5726, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5726, for the purchase of L5 Less Frt 75' for Hwy R/W B1, Fairgrounds Subdivision. This property address is commonly known as 2208 Gateway Drive. Bids will be accepted in accordance with the bid package filed with the

Grand Forks County Director of Finance and Tax. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, on the 6th floor of the Grand Forks County Office Building, at 4:30 p.m., on September 18, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to amend Section 6 of the May 18, 1987 Regional Airport Authority Joint Resolution, to read as follows:

SECTION 6 Members

The powers and responsibilities of the Regional Airport Authority shall be vested in a Board of Commissioners consisting of seven members, as described in Section 20-0206(1) of the Grand Forks City Code. Four members shall be residents of the City of Grand Forks and appointed by the Mayor of the City of Grand Forks and confirmed by the Grand Forks City Council. Three members shall be residents of either the City of Grand Forks and/or the County of Grand Forks and appointed by the Grand Forks County Commission. Although terms are to be staggered as previously provided for in the creation of the Regional Airport Authority, Commissioners are to be appointed to five-year terms. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to appoint Gary Malm to a five-year term to the Regional Airport Authority Board, term will expire on July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Peter Welte said he had spoken with Municipal Court Judge Eslinger regarding weekend commitments at the Correctional Center. Judge Eslinger said he will immediately stop the weekend commitments and that we should let him know if we do not see an improvement in 30 days.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Northeast Human Service Center Lease Amendment for County Office Building 07-09, Lease for Parking Places and the Lease for Storage Space. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the temporary part-time hire of the Senior Legal Intern in the States Attorney's Office, effective July 30, 2007 for approximately 90 days. Motion carried.

The States Attorney was directed to draft a bid proposal for managing the Correctional Center Kitchen for the August 24, 2007 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Triplett stated that the Personnel Committee recommended denying Cathy Westensee's request for an increase in pay.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Base Realignment and Closure Contract Closeout. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Debbie Nelson as the delegate to the North Dakota Association of Counties Conference for years 2007 and 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2007.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor