

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 21, 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 August 7, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #126157 thru Check #126183, Check #126315 thru Check #126578 in the amount of \$655,005.18, employee status changes for Jennifer Martinson, Jeffrey Jon Rost, Michael Pitcher and Jared Michael Hahn, approval of overtime, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics, approval of Forest Stewardship Tax Law application and approval of Bonds for Check Reissue. Motion carried.

Captain Wagner and Hubert Garceau, Correctional Center, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Accurate Controls Maintenance and Service Agreement for the Grand Forks County Correctional Center for a term of one year at rate of \$23,330.25 (Gold Plan). Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, , to approve the Accurate Controls Maintenance and Service Agreement for the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center for a term of one year at rate of \$4,794.00 (Bronze Plan). Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm Attorney representing the residents of Strabane Township, addressed the board regarding the proposed Special Use Permit for a landfill in Strabane Township. She also presented a petition from the residents of Johnstown Township opposing the proposed landfill in Strabane Township. See attached.

Don Hager, Attorney representing Strabane Township, addressed the board.

Brent Schmitz, 2312 25<sup>th</sup> St NE, Mekinock, addressed the board.

Todd Leake, RR 1 Box 35, Emerado, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to deny the Special Use Permit application to site a Solid Waste Management Facility in section 34, Strabance Township. Motion carried with Kvasager, Triplett and Murphy voting aye and Malm and Knauf voting nay.

Commissioner Triplett requested that Peter Welte and she be authorized to draft a Statement of Findings for the denial of the Special Use Permit for the Strabane Township Landfill for review at the next Commission meeting.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Manufactured Home Permit for Dave & Kathy Bjornstad on Lot 3, Block 1, Airportview Addition in section 5, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Special Use Permit for Dave & Kathy Bjornstad on Lot 3, Block 1, Airportview Addition in section 5, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

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

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks County Kitchen Management letter with the following change; the total calorie count should be 2,800 daily for work release inmates and 2,400 calories daily for all other inmate. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm said a Special Commission Meeting will be called on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to inform the Commission of the Personnel Committee's decision for the Correctional Center Administrator and to make a decision regarding the 2008 pay increase for County Employees.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve paying Cathy Westensee, Assistant Veterans Service Officer, 26.5 hours of overtime. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode was asked to write a policy regarding who takes over administrative control of an Office when a Department Head leaves employment with the County.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm. The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2007.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor