

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

November 20, 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 November 6, 2007 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Derick Roller, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #128023-128025, #128156-128187 and #128246-128441 in the amount of \$507,756.92, Grand Forks County Veterans Service Office Report, approval of County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit on County Road No. 3 and approval of County Deed on parcel number 28-1802-00001-001. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett to decline the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2008. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2008. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy, Knauf and Malm voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, not to accept the North Dakota Division of Emergency Services Regional Grant and to direct Mr. Campbell to write a firm letter to the State explaining why we are rejecting the grant and suggest that they come up with a better program in allocating funds to local governments. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve a six month moratorium on subdivisions in the selected areas that will be studied by the Regional Industrial Development Land Study, on May 20, 2008. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy, Knauf and Malm voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Agricultural Byproduct Amendment to the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution. Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to table this motion until Mr. Magnuson has reviewed the North Dakota State Health Departments Regulations on agricultural byproducts and report back to the Commission with his findings. Motion carried with Triplett, Murphy, Knauf and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. It was 4:40pm. Motion carried.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 4:45pm.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to table the Feedlot Regulation Amendment to the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Littering Amendment to the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Beau Bateman, Brenna Township Chairman, addressed the board.

Kris Johnson, 9360 Mahlum Ct, addressed the board.

Deborah Hanson, 9350 Mahlum Ct, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to adopt the agreement that has been reached between the Highway Department and Brenna Township. Brenna Township will include Agassiz Estates Subdivision and Countryside Subdivision in their certified township miles and the Highway Department will provide the road maintenance until May 1, 2008. The residents will be notified of this agreement. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chairman's signature on the modification to the contract between the Grand Forks Air Force Base and the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve housing four James River Correctional Center inmates for a period of four evenings. They will be released during the day to work in Northwood to help with repairs needed because of the tornado. A rate of \$22.00 per day per inmate will be charged to cover daily bookings, daily linen exchange and one meal per day. It will not cover liability or any medical expenses. Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy and Knauf voting aye and Malm and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chair's signature on the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Life Sciences Business Development Roadmap with Praxis Strategy Group, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to move the Commission Meeting dates in January to the 8th and the 22nd. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chair's signature on the Ratification by Lienholder on the replat of Lot B, Block 7, Replat of Block 7, Sunny Nodak Farms Addition to the City of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, approve the Chair's signature on the Right of Entry Agreement and Consent to Condemnation and Demolition on Lot 1, 2 and N22' of Lot 3, Block 15, Original Townsite, Northwood, ND. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm. The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2007.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor