

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 4, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda, replacing item number 7, Blue Cross Blue Shield with the Grand Forks County Regional Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Lee Edward Mewes and Stephanie A. Weis, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #128188 -128245 and Check #128442-128641 in the amount of \$1,543,025.87, approval of overtime and approval of County Deeds on parcel numbers 48-0001-00060-000, 48-0001-00061-000, 48-0001-00062-000, 48-0001-00025-001, 48-0001-00024-000, 42-0001-00028-000, 27-4002-00038-000, 27-4002-00037-000, 44-1803-00160-000, 09-3501-00001-000 and 46-0001-00476-000. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm called for nominations for Chair of the Grand Forks County Commission Board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to nominate Commissioner Triplett to serve as Chair for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm asked for further nomination for Chair of the Grand Forks County Commission Board. There were no other nominations.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to cease nominations for Chair and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Triplett for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Grand Forks County Commission Board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to nominate Commissioner Murphy to serve as Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. Chairman Malm asked for further nomination for Vice-Chair of the Grand Forks County Commission Board. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.

Chair Triplett said the Committee appointment would be done at the next meeting.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the proposal from HB Sound & Light, Inc. to install an antenna system at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center for a cost of \$1,221.24 to be paid from Capital Improvements. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm informed the board that the UND Police Department and the Grand Forks City Police Department has a problem with one of the Correctional Center's policies to refuse prisoners for medical reasons. Bret Burkholder will be scheduling a meeting with all parties involved including Altru and Public Health to see if we can resolve the problem. The Chair appointed Commissioner Murphy to be part of this meeting.

Sheriff Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve ordering three 2008 Crown Victoria and one 2008 Expedition from Hatton Ford for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$101,408 to paid from the 2008 budget vehicle line item in the Sheriff's Department budget. Motion carried.

Chair Triplett directed Peter Welte, with input from Sheriff Hill, to draft a letter to the City of Thompson regarding policing their City. The Chair will sign the letter.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2007 abatement applications and reduce the True and Full Values as follows. Motion carried.

49-0001-00013-000 Dawn Haugen from \$31,000 to \$23,100  
49-0001-00016-000 Scott & Delores Kobreek from \$22,900 to \$18,900  
49-0001-00022-000 Guy & Lorinda Donovan from \$28,800 to \$22,900  
49-0001-00025-000 Gary & Janet Bratlie from \$42,400 to \$33,200  
49-0001-00028-000 Linda Kramer from \$34,500 to \$27,900  
49-0001-00030-000 Chris & Lisa Alter from \$86,300 to \$71,000  
49-0001-00044-000 Ryan Bilden from \$35,800 to \$27,800  
49-0001-00069-002 Doris H. Johnson from \$69,700 to \$48,700  
49-0001-00073-001 Alfred & Melba Antonson from \$50,400 to \$45,000  
49-0001-00076-000 Orville & Jean Hagen from \$84,900 to \$61,500  
49-0001-00077-000 Charles & Melanie Todd from \$90,700 to 65,300  
49-0001-00086-000 Agnes Smith from \$141,100 to \$127,000  
49-1201-00013-001 Arlo Svedberg from \$42,900 to \$36,600  
49-1201-00013-003 Thomas & Della Tutfe from \$112,900 to \$97,500  
49-1201-00022-000 Kay A. Thompson from \$15,800 to \$13,900  
49-1201-00023-000 Kay A. Thompson from \$87,700 to \$85,000  
49-1501-00001-001 Richard & Anita Hall from \$56,800 to \$48,700  
49-1501-00011-000 Harlan F. Woken from \$51,700 to \$38,900  
49-1801-00002-001 Harris Aftret from \$56,200 to \$50,600  
49-1801-00005-002 Korsmo Brothers from \$44,000 to \$37,000  
49-1801-00010-001 Garris Pollert from \$65,800 to \$56,600  
49-1801-00029-000 Edward & Annette Sherva from \$68,600 to \$50,400  
49-1801-00034-000 Mark Lawrence from \$77,700 to \$74,000  
49-1801-00043-000 Daniel & Jacqueline Korsmo from \$85,400 to \$78,700

49-1801-00069-000 Ronald L. Jorgensen from \$51,800 to \$49,100  
49-1801-00093-000 Jill Elfman from \$36,100 to \$31,800  
49-1801-00114-000 James W. Dahl from \$85,500 to \$60,500  
49-2901-00007-000 Karl G. & Mary S. Broeren from \$72,700 to \$68,000  
49-2901-00008-000 Delvin Gylten from \$52,600 to \$48,300  
49-2901-00009-000 Nathaniel & Ann Larson from \$137,900 to \$129,500  
49-2901-00012-000 Kathleen N. Lupcho from \$50,700 to \$48,700  
49-2901-00013-000 Kay A. Thompson from \$25,100 to \$21,700  
49-2902-00001-000 Wade & Karen S. Bilden from \$224,500 to \$162,800  
49-2902-00021-002 Phyllis Nelson from \$34,600 to \$27,300  
49-2902-00021-003 Brian & Diane Twete from \$166,400 to \$138,800  
49-3001-00008-000 Corine E. Hathaway from \$78,500 to \$76,600  
49-3001-00022-000 Beverly J. Suby from \$79,100 to \$56,400  
49-3002-00005-000 Richard Cox from \$127,000 to \$121,400  
49-3131-00091-006 Larry E. Feickert from \$29,900 to \$21,500  
49-3131-00093-009 Patrick & Anna Vandebos from \$32,200 to \$26,000  
49-3131-00094-001 Richard Klindt from \$31,300 to \$29,100  
49-3131-00094-006 Mark & Joyce Magnus from \$85,300 to \$60,600  
49-3131-00094-009 Morris & Ruth Jacobson from \$28,700 to \$26,000  
49-3131-00094-038 Heath & Shari Adamsen from \$56,600 to \$39,200  
49-3131-00094-039 Gordon & Linda Hagen from \$65,700 to \$53,500

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to set the date and time of the 2008 County Board of Equalization for June 3, 2008 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to purchase a new server, software, tapes and cards for the imaging system for a cost of approximately \$17,500 to be paid from the Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, reported on the Law Enforcement Fitness Testing results. She said she will meet with Altru, Center Court and Law Enforcement employees in January to look at ways to improve the program. Chair Triplett said Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, is welcome to be part of that committee.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to set the Highway Department's Annual Bid Letting for February 5, 2008 at 1:30pm. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to take from the table the motion regarding the Agricultural Byproducts Amendment. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution Agricultural Byproducts Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

Ed Schulz, 3291 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Arvilla, addressed the board regarding a water issue on his property.

Peter Welte was directed to communicate with the Water Board to insure Ed Schulz was granted due process regarding his permit.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Request for Proposals Regional Industrial Development Land Study. Motion carried.

Paul DeWolfe, Access Consulting, presented the summary findings of the Grand Forks Region Broadband Business Development Roadmap.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to set the height and width for mowing according to NDCC § 63-05-02 to be 14 feet wide if safe, otherwise within reason, any good attempt for width and the mowing height be as low as possible but no higher than 10 inches at the date of mowing. Motion carried with Triplett, Murphy, Knauf and Malm voting aye and Kvasager voting nay.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Court Facilities Improvement Grant Application. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chair's signature on the Altru Health System Tax Agreement. Motion carried with Triplett, Murphy, Knauf and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:38pm. The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2007.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor