

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 18, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Triplett, Murphy, Knauf, Kvasager and Malm present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda adding Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, after item number 4 and hold on item number 7, Garrison Diversion, until all presenters are present. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Yolanda Johnston, Deborah Garner, Jessica Cruz, Andrew Hansen and Wayne Riendeau, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #128747 -129006 in the amount of \$637,547.65, approval of overtime, approve Liquor/Beer Licenses for Grand Forks Country Club, Rivers Edge Golf Course and the Hitching Post Bar and Grill, Veterans Service Office Report and the Chair's signature on the Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc. acceptance letter. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to appoint Diane Helgeson and Irene Dybwad for two year terms to the NE Human Service Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to appoint John Fortin and John Rodgers to the Planning and Zoning Board for four year terms beginning January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to appoint David Middleton and Richard Axvig for three year terms to the Grand Forks County Water Board beginning January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to appoint David Staveteig and David Middleton for four year terms and Herbert Welte for a two year term to the Grand Forks County Weed Board beginning January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Kevin Schoenborn, Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented the Grand Forks County Health Care Utilization Study.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Kim Tandberg and reduce the True and Full Value from \$22,486 to \$15,200. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 abatement applications related to the Northwood tornado damage and reduce the True and Full Values as follows. Motion carried.

31-0804-00001-002 Gordon Hagen from \$118,500 to \$106,800
31-1701-00001-003 Jeff & Suzanne Ellingson from \$81,600 to \$74,800
31-9991-00001-000 Gary Butz from \$20,700 to \$14,200
49-0001-00002-000 Heidi A. Johnson from \$80,300 to \$75,200
49-0001-00020-000 Darin Braun from \$81,900 to \$59,500
49-0001-00039-000 Tri-L Partnership from \$80,800 to \$70,200
49-0001-00040-000 Tri-L Partnership from \$80,800 to \$69,600
49-0001-00080-001 Mark L. Larson from \$19,000 to \$16,900
49-0001-00050-000 Daniel Ostlie from \$39,000 to \$27,100
49-0001-00051-000 Daniel Ostlie from \$27,100 to \$13,200
49-0001-00078-000 Naomi Johnson from \$48,100 to 40,900
49-0001-00079-001 Dale & Audrey Braaten from \$50,700 to \$37,000
49-1201-00001-000 Kenneth & Mardella Brunk from \$15,600 to \$14,500
49-1201-00010-000 Dennis & Gloria Overby from \$69,000 to \$56,800
49-1801-00001-002 Patrick Mrozla from \$35,100 to \$25,100
49-1801-00001-003 Claudia Thielman, ETAL from \$63,300 to \$43,900
49-1801-00004-002 Shari Sherva from \$106,400 to \$85,900
49-1801-00008-006 Rodney Gabrielson from \$66,800 to \$56,300
49-1801-00019-000 Loren Nelson from \$56,500 to \$50,800
49-1801-00023-000 Brian Danzl from \$192,800 to \$135,600
49-1801-00031-000 Ruth Berge from \$22,200 to \$17,900
49-1801-00034-004 Kevin & Ronda Hermanson from \$31,600 to \$27,700
49-1801-00051-002 Mark & Seth Larson from \$35,200 to \$33,500
49-1801-00052-002 Keith D. & Marian R. Bjerke from \$90,000 to \$80,600
49-1801-00092-000 Carol B. Slettebak from \$56,300 to \$51,200
49-1901-00008-000 William J. & Myrna E. Johnson from \$13,000 to \$12,400
49-1901-00009-000 William J. & Myrna E. Johnson from \$130,100 to \$120,300
49-2101-00004-000 Betty Pratt, L/E, ETAL from \$60,600 to \$42,400
49-2901-00004-000 Bernice Agotness from \$92,100 to \$91,000
49-2902-00002-000 Brian D. & Mia Lynn Hermanson from \$46,200 to \$34,600
49-2902-00005-000 Charles D & Susan Peterson from \$64,000 to \$45,700
49-2902-00008-000 Charles D & Susan Peterson from \$88,400 to \$65,900
49-2902-00019-002 Gerald & Margaret Bergene from \$73,200 to \$60,000
49-2902-00021-005 Donna Meyers from \$90,800 to \$83,700
49-3131-00093-006 Timothy G & Anna Lee Nystrom from \$76,500 to \$73,600

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Special Use Permit amendment for Mike Swehla, to change the status of an existing manufactured home from a temporary dwelling to a permanent dwelling on Lot 6 Block 1 of Clemetson's Second Subdivision in Section 17 of Rye Township. Motion carried.

Chairperson Triplett made the following committee assignments:

Internal Committee Assignments

Personnel Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy Commissioner Triplett
Building Committee.....	Commissioner Knauf Commissioner Kvasager
Finance Committee.....	Commissioner Murphy
Roads and Bridges.....	Commissioner Knauf
Law Enforcement.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Elections.....	Commissioner Malm
Wellness Program.....	Commissioner Triplett Commissioner Malm
Base Realignment.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Triplett

External Board Assignments

Emergency Management.....	Commissioner Knauf
Emergency 911.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Northeast Human Services Advisory Board.....	Commissioner Murphy
Red River Regional Council..... Alternate	Commissioner Kvasager Commissioner Knauf
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).....	Commissioner Malm
City/County Housing Authority.....	Commissioner Kvasager
Fair Board.....	Commissioner Kvasager
City/County Board of Health.....	Commissioner Kvasager
County Planning and Zoning.....	Commissioner Malm Commissioner Knauf
GF Region Economic Development Corporation..... Alternate	Commissioner Triplett Commissioner Malm
GF Airport Authority.....	Commissioner Malm

Red River Water Management Consortium..... Commissioner Murphy
Alternate Commissioner Triplett

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the November 2007 financial report. Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 budget amendments on file in the Grand Forks County Finance and Tax Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve a County credit card for Bret Burkholder with a credit limit of \$1,500. The card will be kept at the Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to reconsider the motion made on November 20, 2007 in regards to Agassiz Estates Subdivision and Countryside Subdivision. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adopt the agreement that has been reached between the Highway Department and Brenna Township. The Highway Department will provide road maintenance to Agassiz Estates Subdivision and Countryside Subdivision until May 1, 2008, but Brenna Township will not include the named subdivisions in their certified township miles. Brenna Township will pay for the maintenance pursuant to its contract with the County. Motion carried.

Ken Vein, Garrison Diversion Director, addressed the board.

Curt Kreun, board member of Lake Agassiz Water Authority, addressed the board.

Dave Koland, Garrison Diversion General Manager, presented the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, presented the Thompson City Law Enforcement Services letter to the Chair to sign.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to authorize Finance Chairman Murphy to approve any bills that come in before the end of the 2007 year. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to authorize the Chair to appoint a Home Rule Charter Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:48pm. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2007.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor