

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to appoint States Attorney Peter Welte as parliamentarian for the board meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official procedure by which the Board of County Commissioners will conduct meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Ed Strenkowski and Brady Lyson, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #1209007 thru Check #129257 in the amount of \$583,675.02, approval of overtime and approve the Forest Stewardship Tax Applications. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the following securities as pledged: Alerus Financial \$61,597,739.15, Bremer Bank \$2,250,000.00, First State Bank \$2,000,000.00, US Bank \$3,222,796.94 and Wells Fargo Bank \$11,975,059.64. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the designation of bank depositories for Grand Forks County. Motion carried

Don Shields, Public Health Director, addressed the board.

Randy Severson, Altru Health Systems, gave a defibulator demonstration.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to purchase three defibulator at a cost of \$4,680 to be paid from the General Fund miscellaneous line item. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the food service contract with CBM Food Service, effective January 17, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to follow the Correctional Center Administrator's recommendation and have Law Enforcement agencies contract with Public Health for after hour's medical evaluations for prisoners. Motion failed with Murphy and Knauf voting aye and Malm, Kvasager and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to amend the Grand Forks Public Health (GFPH) contract to provide for phone assessments via telephone for prisoners that indicate they are on medication(s) for a serious health issue when said prisoners are brought to the Grand Forks County Correctional Center in hours not staffed by GFPH. Prisoners will remain in custody and the responsibility of law enforcement until such time they have been medically cleared for admittance either by GFPH staff or Altru. Policy will be reviewed in a year or sooner if necessary. Motion carried.

Bret Buckholder was directed to write a letter to Traill County to inform them that Grand Forks County Correctional Center does have room for additional inmates.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to extend the moratorium on Confined Animal Feeding Operations for six months from November 20, 2007 until May 20, 2008. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, amend the 2007 budgets as follows: Weed Control Fund 2970 by \$6,000, Insurance Reserve Fund 2938 by \$6,000 and Senior Citizens Fund 2350 by \$2,500. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to cancel uncollectible taxes according to NDCC§ 57-22-11 on the following properties: 44-9991-00002-004 Elizabeth A. Anderson, dba Bit of Norway, 44-9991-00002-002 Everette Blaisdell, 44-9991-00006-001 Faces Lounge, Barry Beloff, 44-9991-00013-005 Hugh Matt, 44-9991-00013-006 Ila & John Lutheran, dba Middle of the Road, 44-9991-00015-001 Ole & Paco's Mexican Village, c/o Jon W. Gordon, 44-9991-00001-003 APCOA Parking, 44-9991-00003-003 Clean & Green, 44-9991-00003-011 Cheyenne Valve & Machine, 44-9991-00021-002 United Properties Investment, 44-9991-00022-003 Vector Training Systems and 44-1115-00022-001. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Ed Nierode was directed to draft a policy to require physicals to be done as a condition of hire for all law enforcement employees. The policy will be considered at a later Commission meeting.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to cancel the taxes and sell the following properties to Grand Forks City for \$20.00 per property: 44-1101-00001-000, 44-1205-00166-000 and 44-1205-00253-000. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.
The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor