

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

January 22, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change for Haley Wamstad, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #129369 thru Check #129654 in the amount of \$1,212,623.44, approval of overtime, approval of County Deeds on parcel numbers 44-1205-00253-000, 44-1205-00166-000 and 44-1101-00001-000, Grand Forks County Veterans Service Office Report and approval of bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Margaret Tweten, NDSU Extension District Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to allow NDSU Extension Office to start a Youth Commission in Grand Forks County, to teach youth about local government, develop leadership skills and encourage youth to serve their schools and be engaged in their communities. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dan Hill addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Transport Van for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$22,452 to be paid from the Sheriff's Department's budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to amend the 2008 Vehicle line item in the Sheriff's Department's budget by \$28,000 which is the amount that was unused in the 2007 budget. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the abatement for William and Misti Baker on parcel number 49-001825 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$6,643 to \$4,430. Motion carried.

Ms. Vaughn reported there will be no change in the agricultural values for 2008.

Rick Jackson, Allendale Township, addressed the board regarding a loan for his septic system. Lane Magnuson, County Planner was directed to see if there are any options available and report back at the next meeting.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve charging all cities in Grand Forks County the same per diem as the City of Grand Forks for housing inmates in the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of new uniforms for the Correctional Center staff at a cost of \$8,000. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the proposal from Keith's Lock & Key to replace the electronic locks on ten doors in the Grand Forks County Office Building at cost of \$13,000 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve out of state travel for Mr. Nierode to attend the BRAC Workforce Summit March 4-7, 2008 in Tampa, Florida to be paid with Office of Economic Adjustment funds. Motion carried with Triplett, Murphy, Knauf and Kvasager voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the following polling sites for the 2008 elections:

PRECINCT NO. 1 at Bible Baptist Church, Grand Forks City (Shall be comprised of Emerado City, Pt Airbase, Blooming, Rye and Falconer Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 2 at Emerado Community Hall, Emerado City (Shall be comprised of Pt Airbase, Chester, Oakville, Pleasant View and Mekinock Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 3 at Gilby Community Center, Gilby City (Shall be comprised of Gilby City, Gilby Township, Johnstown, Levant and Lakeville Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 4 at Inkster Fire Hall, Inkster City, (Shall be comprised of Inkster City, Agnes, Elkmount, Inkster, Strabane and Wheatfield Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 5 at Larimore Senior Center, Larimore City (Shall be comprised of Larimore City Ward I and Arvilla Township)

PRECINCT NO. 6 at Larimore Senior Center, Larimore City (Shall be comprised of Larimore City Ward II, Hegton and Larimore Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 7 at Larimore Senior Center, Larimore City (Shall be comprised of Larimore City Ward III and Moraine Township)

PRECINCT NO. 8 at Manvel Community Center, Manvel City (Shall be comprised of Manvel City, Ferry and Turtle River Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 9 at Niagara Rural Fire Department, Niagara City (Shall be comprised of Niagara City, Elm Grove, Niagara and Plymouth Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 10 at Northwood Community Center, Northwood City (Shall be comprised of Northwood City Ward I, Avon, Grace and Logan Center Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 11 at Northwood Community Center, Northwood City (Shall be comprised of Northwood City Ward II, Lind and Loretta Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 12 at Northwood Community Center, Northwood City (Shall be comprised of Northwood City Ward III, Northwood and Washington Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 13 at Reynolds Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, Reynolds City (Shall be comprised of Reynolds City, Americus, Bentru, Michigan and Union Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 14 at Thompson Community Center, Thompson City (Shall be comprised of Thompson City Ward I and Fairfield Township)

PRECINCT NO. 15 at Thompson Community Center, Thompson City (Shall be comprised of Thompson City Ward II, Allendale and Walle Townships)

PRECINCT NO. 16 at Nodak Electric Cooperative, 4000 32nd Ave S., Grand Forks City, (Shall be comprised of Brenna and Grand Forks Township, North of 32nd Ave S)

PRECINCT NO. 17 at First Presbyterian Church, 5555 Washington St S., Grand Forks City, (Shall be comprised of Brenna and Grand Forks Township, South of 32nd Ave S)
Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Election Officials paid for the 2008 elections at \$8.25 per hour if they attend the election training session and \$7.00 per hour if they do not attend. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor