

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 5, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, 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 bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #129655 -1290834 in the amount of \$575,221.16, approval of overtime, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics and Forest Stewardship Tax Law Applications. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement between the United States Marshals Service and the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center for the daily housing per diem rate at \$150.00. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Regional Industrial Development Land Study with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the amendment to Grand Forks AFB Grant Number RA0590-07-01. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

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

- 49-0001-00001-000 Donald K. & Zerlene M. Woodward from \$14,500 to \$12,300
- 49-1201-00003-000 Eddie R. Carroll & Carrie L. Onstad from \$71,700 to \$50,600
- 49-1201-00007-000 David P. Skjoiten from \$44,800 to \$34,800
- 49-1801-00111-000 Joyce Bjerke Pladson from \$36,100 to \$31,400
- 49-1801-00115-000 Omni Properties LLP from \$169,700 to \$118,200
- 49-2901-00006-000 David E. Knudtsen from \$56,000 to \$49,300
- 49-2902-00006-000 Larry & Loretta Groth from \$78,500 to \$55,700

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve, in part, the 2007 abatement application for Lyle & Zona Swanson on parcel number 46-0001-00233-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$26,100 to \$12,000. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bid from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bids from Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel & hauling and Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to accept the low bids from Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND for riveted metal and concrete culverts, Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc., Fargo, ND for steel section plate pipe and pipe arches and from Cretex Concrete Products West, Rapid City, SD for precast and prestressed bridge beams. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the agreement with Emerado City and the Grand Forks County Correctional Center for the daily housing per diem rate. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Technology Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the expenditure of \$5,400 from the Computer Department's budget for online computer training for Dean Dahl and Riel LaFontaine. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, reported that he had found no septic system funding program in North Dakota. Chairperson Triplett asked Commissioner Kvasager, as the representative to the Red River Regional Council, to check to see if they have any funds available for this purpose.

Chairperson Triplett asked the States Attorney to draft a Home Rule Charter for review at the next Commission Meeting.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to allow Mr. Welte and Mr. Nierode to hire a temporary replacement for Assistant States Attorney David Jones while he is on active duty. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve out-of-state travel for Nancy Yon to attend a National District Attorney's Association Prosecution Techniques course in Florida in March 2008, to be paid from the States Attorney's budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Integra Telecom contracts for long distance telephone service. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to have the Chair write a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Commission to congratulate Cathy Westensee on her work as an employee of the Veterans Service Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor