

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 19, 2008 – 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 February 5, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Tonya L. Howell, Jessica Cruz, Marjorie Holweger, John M. Ramberg and Kirby Fleck, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #129962 -130259 in the amount of \$1,038,034.00, approval of bond for check reissue, Grand Forks County Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit for Polar Communications on County Road Numbers 1, 10, 10A & 19. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to have County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permits approved by the Highway Superintendent and forward a signed copy on to the Finance and Tax Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to obtain bids for two (2) 54,000 pound G.V.W. tandem axle snowplowing dump trucks to be opened April 1, 2008 at 4:20pm. Motion carried.

Bert Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the amendment to the CBM Food Service Contract. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of food service trays at a cost of \$7,000 to be paid from the Correctional Center budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Grand Forks County Correctional Center Jail Vending Service Agreement with TW Vending, Inc., dba TurnKey Corrections. Motion carried.

Moved Malm, seconded by Knauf, to allow Bret Burkholder to send 4 to 6 Correctional Center Officers to each Correctional Center Officer Basic Training course offered by the North Dakota Department of Corrections. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to change the Employee Manual as follows: a Correctional Center Officer would be eligible for a promotion to grade 7 upon successfully completing the CO Basic Training or successful completion of their "Introductory period" (1 year), which ever comes first. Effective 1/1/2008. Motion carried.

The Chair asked that Mr. Burkholder, Mr. Nierode and Ms. Nelson review employees hired since 6/1/06 to determine if any employees are excluded using a 1/1/08 effective date. Results of review will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Dean and Phyllis Nelson on parcel number 32-000367 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$6,936 to \$4,600. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Gloria Horn on parcel number 49-002115 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$11,590 to \$7,700. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Technology Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of Microsoft Office Pro at a cost of \$3,300 to be paid from the Computer budget. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding the Home Rule Charter and said he is of the opinion that a Home Rule Charter Committee must be appointed.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to indicate to the Home Rule Charter Committee that the Grand Forks County Commission's desire would be to complete the Home Rule Charter within 40 days. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Joint Powers Agreements to provide the terms by which the County, Cities, Grand Forks Public School District and the Grand Forks Park District shall coordinate the holding of their general elections along with the County's primary election. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve a competitive sale of refunding the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999A and the First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 on March 18, 2008. Motion carried.

The Chair directed Ed Nierode to look in to the "alternative funding through cost-saving with the state judicial system for security enhancements" which was stated in the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee letter.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:14pm. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor