

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 4, 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 Murphy, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #130260 -130472 in the amount of \$239,107.40, approval of overtime, approval of Beer License for Larimore Golf Club, approval of Game of Chance Permit for St. Olaf WELCA, Veterans Service Office Report and approval of bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve having a no load limit posting on County Road 4, from Arvilla west one mile. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to change the effective date from 1/1/2008 to 10/1/2007 on the following Employee Manual Policy: 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 10/1/2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the additional expenditure of \$678 to install an antenna system at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to allow Bret Burkholder to negotiate with CBM Food Service on additional tiers of meal prices. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Leroy Bock on parcel number 02-1402-00006-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$95,800 to \$58,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2006 abatement application for Dakota Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventist on parcel number 44-1329-00011-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$192,100 to \$48,100. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, 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.

49-0001-00074-000 James & Amber Mutchler from \$67,800 to \$48,900

49-2901-00019-001 Vivian Grotte from \$44,300 to \$41,700

49-3131-00091-004 RJ McDonald Properties LLC from \$52,500 to \$44,200  
49-3131-00091-005 RJ McDonald Properties LLC from \$23,100 to \$19,400

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave the January 2008 financial report.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve employee status changes for Megan Christianson and Chris Griffin. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Debbie Nelson to schedule a joint meeting with the Grand Forks County Water Board and the Grand Forks County Commission at 2:30pm on the first meeting date of a month in the near future.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve an Early Voting Precinct on June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 from 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Alerus Center and an Absentee Ballot Precinct on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Alerus Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Purchasing with the North Dakota Association of Counties for purchasing electronic pollbooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to appoint the following Election Inspectors for the 2008 Elections: Gladys Sommerfield, Rae Ann Hanson and Keith Hill. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to change the Employee Manual Policy to allow up to \$300.00 per retiree for the cost of a recognition gathering. Motion carried.

Chair Triplett has appointed the following members to serve on the Home Rule Charter Committee: Lloyd Omdahl, John Schmisek, Peg O'Leary, Martin Yahna and Sara Behrens.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor