

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 18, 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 March 4, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the order of agenda adding Terry Bjerke under item number 14. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Katie Vigness and David Brend, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #130597 -130865 in the amount of \$867,935.45, overtime, approval of bond for check reissue, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics and the 2007 Stormwater Prevention Program Report. Motion carried.

Kevin Schoenborn, Blue Cross Blue Shield, addressed the board regarding two new wellness programs: Health Club Credit and MyHealthCenter. They both will be effective April 1, 2008 and will be available at no cost to Grand Forks County. The Health Club Credit Program will pay up to \$20 toward an adult employee's monthly health club membership dues. MyHealthCenter is a comprehensive wellness program that can help employees meet their personal goals to lose weight, eat healthy or get in shape.

Myron Knudson, Public Financial Management, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to accept the offer from Dougherty & Company, LLC for the sale of \$3,000,000 Grand Forks County Building Authority, First Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, series 2008 with a True Interest Rate of 3.5439881% and authorize the conveyance and lease of buildings. And to accept the offer from Stifel Nicolaus & Co., Inc. for the sale of \$2,715,000 General Obligation Building Refunding Bonds, series 2008 with a True Interest Rate of 3.4307729%. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to recess the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting and to convene the Grand Forks County Building Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to accept the offer from Dougherty & Company, LLC for the sale of \$3,000,000 Grand Forks County Building Authority, First Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, series 2008 with a True Interest Rate of 3.5439881% and authorize the conveyance and lease of buildings. Motion carried.

The refunding of the First Mortgage Revenue Bonds will result in a savings of \$58,803.77 in interest through the remainder of the term and the results of refunding of the General Obligation Building Bonds will result in a savings of \$98,411.92 in interest through the remainder of the term. Both issues relate to the County Office Building.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn the Grand Forks County Building Authority Meeting and reconvene the Grand Forks County Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Captain Robert Rost, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department, addressed the board. Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for 2008. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to allow Bret Burkholder and Dean Dahl to move forward to pursue having Grand Forks County Correctional Center as a pilot County for new Jail Management Software (JMS). Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder and Peter Welte will look into the incentive payments for State and Local Institutions under Social Security Programs.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Septic System Permitting Services Agreement. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Barbara Zavala, Veterans Service Officer, to attend the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers annual conference/training in Charleston, South Carolina, from June 14-21, 2008. The cost of \$1865 has been budgeted in the 2008 Veterans Services budget. Motion carried.

Terry Bjerke, 5356 5th Ave North, Grand Forks, addressed the board regarding the Home Rule Charter. He feels that the time allowed for public comment is not long enough before the Grand Forks County Commission may approve it for a vote of the people.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve a Special Commission Meeting for Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 5:00pm to approve or deny the Home Rule Charter as written. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson and Peter Welte were directed to write ballot language for a sales taxes question that could be on the June ballot.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor