

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 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 March 18, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status change for Vicky Hendrickson, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #130866 -131096 in the amount of \$436,301.88, overtime and approval of bond for check reissue. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Regional Industrial Development Land Study, Addendum 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the BRAC Realignment Community Coordinator Consultant Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve \$3,100 from the General Fund Miscellaneous line item to continue the Broadband Connectivity Study. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve, in part, the 2006 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.

Amber Vaughn gave an update on the Soil Survey Committee.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to open the tandem truck bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to waive the technicality with the bid received from Nelson International regarding the requirement to have the bid bond in a separate envelope from the bid. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to postpone the award of the bid for the tandem trucks until the next meeting, April 15, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement, right of way certificate and utility certification letter for the SC-1800(008) Grand Forks County – County wide chip seal coat. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board regarding the incentive payments for State and Local Institutions under the Social Security Programs. He reported that it would not be feasible at this time.

Mr. Burkholder said he would like to use a Sheriff's Department vehicle that they are ready to trade-in. The Board directed Mr. Burkholder to find out what the trade-in value of the vehicle is and see if he has that amount in the Correctional Center budget and report back at the next meeting.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, reported that with all the people visiting Grand Forks City this Friday the Sheriff's Department will need to use some overtime.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve \$4,861 for a new Courthouse Security Workstation. The total project cost is \$19,444 with 50% being paid by a State Court Improvement Grant, 25% by the Court Administrator and 25% by the County. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, reported that the Grand Forks County Commission would not have the authority to ask the sales tax question on the same ballot as the Home Rule Charter question.

Commissioner Knauf reported that the Building Authority recommended no action be taken with regards to removing the screws in the Courthouse windows.

The Chair reappointed Commissioner Gary Malm to a two year term on the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Policy Board effective April 1, 2008.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to change the dates and time for the Early Voting Precinct to June 2-6, 2008 from 11:00am-6:00pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to allow an internship for John Arnold at rate of pay of \$8.25 in the Finance and Tax Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm. The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor