

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 15, 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 April 1, 2008 and the April 9, 2008 meetings. 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 Bernard J. Maxson II, Dale Arnold, Brady Lyson, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #131097 -131120, 131237 – 131248, 131253 – 131466 in the amount of \$721,050.27, overtime, Ashley Lions Club Game of Chance Site Authorization, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics and the Grand Forks County Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Peg O'Leary, GF Historic Preservation Commission Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to allow the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission to nominate the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds WPA Structures to the National Register of Historic Places, if the Fair Board concurs. Motion carried.

Chair Triplett requested that Commissioner Kvasager, as the Fair Board Committee Member, be involved in the local review of the nomination of the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds WPA Structures.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to transfer ownership of the old Treasurer's Office counter, that is stored in the Courthouse basement, to the Fire Hall Theater Board. Motion carried.

Al Morkin, Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Director, addressed the board regarding a possible addition to the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. The Chair authorized the Building Committee to meet with PSAP and bring back recommendations to the board.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Professional Services Broadband Connectivity Business Development Roadmap, Addendum 1. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to accept the lowest qualified bid from RDO Mack Truck Center for \$293,110 for two new Mack tandem axle trucks, with dump box and snow removal equipment, Model No. GU713, which equals or exceeds all the specifications outlined in the bidders instructions. Motion carried.

The other bids received did not meet all of the bid specifications. The other bids were as follows: Nelson International \$289,868 and Wallwork Truck Center \$291,604.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the County Township Road Mileage Certification. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Department was not present so item number 11, Sheriff's Department equipment storage needs, will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a bid of \$1,500 by the Correctional Center to the Sheriff's Department for a used Sheriff's vehicle. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to add the following language to 206 Introductory Period in the Employee Policy Manual: With the exception of **Social Services underfill eligibility workers**, Correctional Center and Law Enforcement personnel, all new and rehired employees work on an introductory basis for the first 180 calendar days after their date of hire. In the case of **Social Service underfill eligibility workers**, Correctional Center and Law Enforcement personnel, the introductory period shall be the first 365 calendar days after the date of hire. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to increase the pay of the Grand Forks County Social Services Director from \$82,332 to \$86,580, based on the reclassification by the State with the effective date to be determined by the State. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to publish the Grand Forks County Home Rule Charter in the Grand Forks Herald on April 19, 2008, in accordance with NDCC §11-09.1-02. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:46pm. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2008.

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William Murphy, Vice Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor