

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 6, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Knauf, Kvasager and Malm present. Commissioner Triplett absent.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, 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 changes for Chris Pieske, Ryan Hansen, David Moen and Riel LaFontaine; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #131467 – 131748 in the amount of \$3,365,269.78; overtime; Game of Chance Permits for North Dakota Youth Soccer and Forks Rifle Club; and Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm asked Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent along with Peter Welte, States Attorney, to draft an addendum to the Grand Forks County Maintenance Agreements to allow an increase in the rate charged if prices for fuel increase during the agreement period. The addendum should be included in the agreement for the next agreement period.

Jim Campbell, Emergency Management Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Fire Emergency and Burn Ban for Grand Forks County signed by Commissioner Kvasager May 2, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to give authority to Jim Campbell, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department and the rural fire departments, to rescind the existing Fire Emergency and Burn Ban, and if it is not rescinded it will expire on May 9, 2008. Motion carried.

Jim Campbell said he is going to try and set up a meeting next week with Mr. Welte, Mr. Nierode, the rural Fire Departments, the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Office and a County Commissioner to discuss the requirements and the process to be followed to issue a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban. Commissioner Kvasager volunteered to be part of that meeting.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to authorize the Chair to sign the Declaration of Application Spending Plan Consensus and Grant Acceptance. The Grand Forks County Commission concurs with the FY2007 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) process to include the acceptance of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant awarded to Grand Forks County on April 10, 2008, in the amount of \$47,520.00. The Grantees, Grand Forks Airport Fire Department and the Thompson Fire Department will pay the 20% local match. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Special Use Permit for Trans Canada Keystone Pipeline LLP to operate a temporary contractor's yard in section 17 of Blooming Township, subject to the following conditions: 1. The Special Use Permit shall expire on May

1, 2010. 2. A financial guarantee in the amount of \$2,000 shall be secured prior to County's final approval. 3. The vehicle traffic for the contractor's yard shall be required to use only those portions of the private service road and 22nd Ave NE as shown on the truck route map. The applicant shall also provide directional signage along the route for employee vehicles. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the feedlot regulation amendment, see attached. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to advertise for sealed bids on the sale of County Road Machinery to be received by the office of the County Auditor up until 3:00pm on June 3, 2008, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read at 4:20pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to discontinue road maintenance to Agassiz Estates Subdivision and Countryside Subdivision, Brenna Township because they are not included in the township certified mileage total. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of a used Sheriff's Department vehicle by the Correctional Center for \$3000 and a corresponding budget amendment to the Correctional Center budget. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder was directed to get a quote for the purchase of a 12 person van and bring it back to the next meeting.

Peter Welte and Bret Burkholder will meet to discuss the possibility of community service for inmates of the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. They will provide information to the Commission at the June 3rd Commission Meeting.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board regarding storage needs for the Sheriff's Department. The Commission asked Major Fonder to bring back to the next meeting an estimate of the cost to build a storage building.

The Cass County Agreement for Jail Agreement will be discussed at the next Commission Meeting.

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

Peter Welte, States Attorney, will send a letter to Beau Bateman thanking him for his work on the Agassiz Estates Subdivision road maintenance issue. He will also draft a letter to the residents of Agassiz Estates Subdivision informing them the Grand Forks County road maintenance expired May 1, 2008. The letter will be available for review at the June 3, 2008 Commission Meeting.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve a step increase from a 3N-4 to a 3N-5 for Ronald Johanson effective 1/1/2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2008.

William Murphy, Vice Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor