

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 3, 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 May 20, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Malm asked the Sheriff's Department overtime be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Erin Hamilton, John Arnold, Brandi Johnson, Beverly Allan; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #132145 -132313 in the amount of \$474,476.93 and Correctional Center overtime. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Sheriff's Department overtime. Motion carried.

Dave Sena, Northland Rescue Mission Director and Corey Cleveland, Northland Rescue Mission Board Member, thanked the Commission for their past support. An update was given on the services provided by the Northland Rescue Mission as well as the population and demographics statistics for the time period from 2002 to 2007. Corey Cleveland invited the Commissioners to tour the Northland Rescue Mission. Dave Sena informed the board about changes they would like to make to the Northland Rescue Mission if funding was available. Chairperson Triplett said funding requests could be brought to the Budget Committee that will begin meeting in August for the 2009 budget.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to authorize the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department to be the fiscal agent for an Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Secure Our Schools 2008 Grant for which Midway and Larimore School District will be applying. The States Attorney will review and approve before it is sent in. There will be no financial obligation to Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to open bids received for sale of road machinery. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the sales to the highest bidders as follows. Motion carried.

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| 1. 1983 Ford Van, Model E-150, ½ ton, 2-wheel drive   | T.L. Storbakken \$127.00       |
| 2. 1995 Ford Pickup, Model F150, ½ ton, 2-wheel drive | Tom Murphy \$750.00            |
| 3. 1959 Massey Ferguson tractor, Model MH-50          | Clarence Storbakken \$3,227.00 |
| 4. 1973 Caterpillar Crawler Dozer, Model D7F          | Gowan Construction \$42,000.00 |

5. 1984 Chausee Tar Kettle, Model HDT-500	T.L. Storbakken \$127.00
6. 1976 Chevrolet Van/Ambulance, Model 30	Dale Bina \$430.00
7. 1969 Military ¾ ton 2-wheel trailer	Patrick Maddock \$403.96
8. 2-wheel trailer with 10 KW generator	T.L. Storbakken \$427.00
9. Military ¾ ton 2-wheel trailer with 5 KW generator	Patrick Maddock \$386.97

Richard Onstad said that he received a call from the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and Grand Forks County has been randomly selected for an inspection of some of our Federal Aid County Roads for signage, paving, striping, road surface conditions and right-of-way encroachments. They will be here the week of August 4, 2008 and Mr. Onstad will notify the Commission with the exact date and time when he receives it. Chairperson Triplett asked him to notify the Auditor by email and she will forward it on to the Commission.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, reported that the van he received approval to purchase at the last meeting was no longer available. Rydell's is looking if another van is available.

Mr. Burkholder said that the Correctional Center Management Committee met earlier today and they are continuing to research options for creating a transportation team.

Mr. Burkholder said he and Mr. Welte have spoken regarding using inmates to provide community service. It is not currently allowed by law. Mr. Welte said the North Dakota States Attorneys Association along with North Dakota Association of Counties will be considering whether or not to present this issue at the next legislative session.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to support the recommendation of the Correctional Center Management Committee to move forward with the proposed law change for using inmates to provide community service to the North Dakota Association of Counties. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board regarding an amendment to the Grand Forks County 2035 Land Use Plan that would rezone 320 acres of land from RR-1, Rural Residential Single Family to RBR, Rural Business Reserve District. The land is located in portions of sections 29 and 32 of Walle Township. The Rural Business Reserve (RBR) would preserve land for future business use.

Kirk Tingum, attorney representing Darla and Steve Adams and also Lavonne Adams who is trustee of the Lavonne Adams Trust addressed the board. Mr. Tingum said his clients are owners of about 130 acres in the proposed rezoning area. This property had been purchased for the purpose of developing property for residential use. The property was purchased in April 2006. Mr. Tingum requested that the land not be rezoned because of the financial hardship his clients would experience.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the recommended amendment to the Grand Forks County 2035 Land Use Plan that would rezone 320 acres of land from RR-1, Rural Residential Single Family to RBR, Rural Business Reserve District. Motion failed with Malm and Knauf voting aye and Murphy, Kvasager and Triplett voting nay.

The Grand Forks County Commission board recessed and convened as the Grand Forks County Board of Equalization.

The Grand Forks County Commission board reconvened.

Margaret Tweten, NDSU Extension Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) during the granting period for October 2008 through September 2009. Motion carried.

Ms. Tweten asked the Grand Forks County Commission to consider increasing the mileage reimbursement rate paid to County employees for employment required travel to more closely cover their costs for the use of their vehicles. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the request to send a grant application to Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to continue to fund the work of the Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator for the next 18 months. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, will write a draft of an Employee Policy on how gifts of cash or cash like items from individuals to employees should be handled.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor