

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 17, 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 June 3, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Grand Forks County Board of Equalization minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda adding the Highway Department after item number 6. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #132314 -132329, 132431-132668 in the amount of \$368,518.45; employee status changes for Brandan Hasby, Erin Hamilton, Aaron B. Davidson, Cody Majerus and Dale Beine; overtime; Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics; Game of Chance Permits for Larimore Golf Club and the Alumni Association of the University of North Dakota. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Grand Forks County mileage reimbursement rate at .505 cents and increase Grand Forks County Policy 413 - Use of Personal Vehicle in Lieu of County Provided Transportation to 35.5 cents, effective immediately. This will apply to all Grand Forks County Employees, Water Resource Board and Weed Board members. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board regarding funding for the Thompson bridge. North Dakota will have the funds available in 2012 for their half of the project but Minnesota has their half available now so Mr. Onstad will be working with the State to see if our funds could be available sooner.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the concept of requiring a post-offer screening for all Correctional Center and Sheriff's Department employees. A policy will be written for approval at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Burkholder said he received a phone call from Leann Bertsch, North Dakota Department of Corrections Director and she said she has been instructed by the Governor to relocate State inmates to the Rugby Correctional Center because of their financial situation.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on a Joint Powers Agreement for Septic System Permitting Services with the City of Emerado. Motion carried.

Doug McDonald, Praxis Strategy Group, presented a Life Science Business Development Roadmap, A Strategy for Developing the Life Sciences Industry in the Grand Forks Region.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to receive the Life Science Business Development Roadmap Report. Motion carried.

Paul DeWolfe, Access Consulting, presented the Summary Findings: Critical Telecommunications Infrastructure needs for Grand Forks County.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to receive the Access Consulting report. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the proposed Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant budget, which includes a \$2,000 local match for the Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator's salary, minor changes will be made to the grant narrative. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, reported that he has a draft of the annual employee salary review by Government Management Group and he said Dorothy Persons will be in the area June 27, 2008. He will distribute the final review on the employee salary survey prior to that date.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve out-of-state travel for Commissioner Gary Malm and Ed Nierode to attend the National Association of Counties Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 12-15, 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to move the second Commission meeting in July to July 22, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve paying one third the cost of a fence located between the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds and Valley Park Mobile Home Court. The Grand Forks County Fair Board, Mr. Block, the owner of the Valley Park Mobile Home Court and Grand Forks County will each pay \$4,866.67. Grand Forks County's share will come from the Parks and Recreation Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to nominate Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, for the North Dakota Association of Counties Excellence in County Government Award. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm. The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor