

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 1, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #132669 -133128 in the amount of \$728,971.33; employee status changes for Stephanie A. Homstad, Toni Kain, Jennifer Hines, Gabriel James Johnston and Nicole Mary Nimens; overtime; approve the securities pledged as follows: Alerus Financial \$58,850,548.64, Bremer Bank, N.A. \$2,250,000.00, Choice Financial Group \$775,000.00, First State Bank \$3,250,000.00, US Bank, N.A. \$3,768,969.04 and Wells Fargo Bank \$11,756,455.94; and the Grand Forks County Lakeville Township Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to increase the mileage rate to 60 cents for the civil process service and increase the flat rate fee for mileage assessed inside the city limits of Grand Forks to \$15.00. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, joined the meeting at 4:05pm.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Grand Forks County Correctional Center Hiring Procedures Policy effective July 8, 2008. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode and Bret Burkholder will meet with Bridgie Hansen and Sheriff Hill to evaluate if a similar Hiring Procedures Policy could be drafted for the Juvenile Detention Center and the Sheriff's Department.

Bret Burkholder was directed to get a quote for a fully equipped van for transporting Correctional Center inmates and bring it to the next meeting.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 abatement application for McDonald Properties, LLC on parcel number 42-0001-00088-002 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$22,600 to \$4,600. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2007 abatement application for David & Richelle Kosmowski on parcel number 44-2109-00012-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$249,400 to \$177,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Kenneth & Leslie Pahlen on parcel number 44-2904-00032-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$161,800 to \$101,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2006 and 2007 abatement applications for Glenn Devold on parcel number 44-3303-00265-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$97,200 to \$59,700 for 2006 and reduce the 2007 True and Full Value from \$105,000 to \$64,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 abatement applications related to the Northwood tornado damage and reduce the True and Full Values as follows. Motion carried.

- 49-0001-00036-000 Dennis Gabriel, ETAL from \$17,400 to \$13,100
- 49-0001-00072-000 Ed & Tracy Bina from \$100,200 to \$72,900
- 49-2902-00004-000 Glenna Uglem from \$78,100 to \$50,000
- 49-3131-00091-008 Dennis W. & Linda G. Gabriel from \$203,100 to \$139,300
- 49-3131-00091-015 Dennis W. & Linda G. Gabriel from \$153,900 to \$108,300
- 49-3131-00094-004 Ida Thorstenson from \$45,700 to \$40,100

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

The Grand Forks County Commission board reconvened.

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

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the purchase of a United States flag and a North Dakota State flag for the Grand Forks County Courthouse at an approximate cost of \$550.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve an increase of \$1.20 per square foot for leasing space in the Grand Forks County Office Building. The new rate will be \$13.65 effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode will notify Northeast Human Service Center and the Regional Child Support Unit of the rate increase.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm. The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2008.

William Murphy, Vice Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor