

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 22, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting for July 1, 2008. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills submitted by the County Auditor, Check#133129-133167, 133273-133352 in the amount of \$305,739.54; employee status changes for Irene Dybwad, Shari Fiedler, Sandra Effhauser, Rita Schoenheit, Vicki Lovell, Karrie Kellenbenz, Barbara Gangelhoff, Frank Shaske III, Justin Bing, Daniel Boyer, Tressa Miller, Ben Gregoire & Stephanie Weis; overtime; Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics; and Veterans Service Office Report. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve out-of-state travel for Ed Nierode and Bret Burkholder to attend 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Employment Issues Symposium held in Las Vegas September 25-26, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the purchase of a retro fitted 2009 Ford van for the transportation of prisoners for the purchase price of \$29,062.62. Motion carried.

Mr. Burkholder informed the Commission that he has been asked to serve on the SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification) Governance Committee. This is federally funded so there would be no cost to the County. The Commission had no objections to Mr. Burkholder serving on this committee.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Public Health Nursing Contract with the Correctional Center to be increased from 50 to 60 hours per week. Motion carried.

Bert Burkholder also informed the Commission that he and Peter Welte are still working on the transport team. Mr. Welte stated that there should be a licensed law enforcement officer who can carry a weapon on this team.

Allan Morken, Public Safety Answering Point Director, addressed the Board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Authority Board Agreement Amendment with the correction to #3&4 to read "County Commission" not "County Commission Chairperson". Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 Mobile Home abatement for Robert Harris, on parcel number 49-000901 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$6,643 to \$4,429. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Office of Economic Adjustment Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Brac Realignment Community Coordinator Consultant Agreement. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of Robert Becker for a manufactured home permit on Lot 5 Block 1 Halls Housing Tract in Section 4 of Rye Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Malm, to enact a six month moratorium on all internally lit signs and billboards. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Mr. Welte stated that the Weed Board would like to be paid the same per diem as the Water Board is paid. The Commission agreed and Mr. Welte will inform the Weed Board at their August meeting.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the submission of Merit Pay Packages for 2009. The department heads have a deadline of August 18<sup>th</sup> to have these proposals into Mr. Nierode. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Prairie Harvest Human Service Foundation and Northeast Human Service Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to approve sending a letter to Governor Hoeven requesting that the highway distribution fund be increased for 2009 to offset the higher cost of maintenance. Motion carried.

Commissioner Malm stated that this year he would propose that the Commission consider employees salaries first before other budgeted items.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be held on August 5, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Deana Mayotte, Assistant Treasurer/Election