

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 19, 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 August 5, 2008 meeting. 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#133808-134073 in the amount of \$400,697.49; employee status changes for Brooks Johnson, Rhoda Knudsvig, Amanda J. Haas, Cindy Andrade, Michelle Nelson, Devin Greuel and Matthew McLean; overtime; bonds for check reissue; July 2008 Financial Report; and Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2009-2010 County Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board regarding starting an education program at the Correctional Center. Mr. Burkholder met with David Godfread, Director of the Area Learning Center and County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Godfread said he does have money in his 2008 budget for a teacher to spend ten hours a week at the Correctional Center beginning in mid September.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve an Early Voting Precinct, October 27th-November 1st and November 3rd, 2008 at the Alerus Center for the hours of 11:00am-6:00pm Monday thru Friday and 9:00am – 1:00pm on Saturday. The estimated cost would be \$10,598. And to approve hiring John Arnold to help with the election for a 6 week period at an estimated cost of \$2,228. Motion carried with Murphy, Kvasager and Knauf voting aye and Malm voting nay.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

The Commission had no objections to sending two job descriptions from the Finance and Tax Office on to Government Management Group for reclassification consideration.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve hiring a temporary full-time File Clerk in the States Attorney's Office effective October 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009. The States Attorney will review the position in April or May 2009 to see if it is needed beyond June 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to allow the States Attorney the authority to approve reclassifying a temporary full-time Assistant States Attorney, Chris Griffin, whose position will expire August 26, 2008 to a permanent full-time position effective September 1, 2008 with a six month leave of absence period beginning January 1, 2009, and with the understanding that in the event that an additional Assistant States Attorney position becomes vacant it will not be filled. Motion carried.

The Commission received the letter from the Grand Forks County Water Resource District regarding the Red River Joint Water Resource District 2009 budget.

Ed Schulz, Arvilla Township, informed the Commission of issues he is having with the County Water Board. Chairman Murphy said they have no control over the Water Board. Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, agreed that the County Commissioners do not have authority over the Water Board but the courts could remedy the situation.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm. The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor