

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 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 September 2, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status changes for Matthew Casper and Kevin VanCamp; bills submitted by the County Auditor, Check#134272-134301 and #134391-134591 in the amount of \$230,494.21; overtime; GF County Veterans Service Office Report and GF County Sheriff's Department Transportation Statistics. Motion carried.

Dennis Herbeck, Trial Court Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chair's signature on the Appointment of Public Administrator agreement and the Transition Agreement for Grand Forks County Public Administrator. Motion carried.

Jeremiah Christensen of Obermiller, Nelson Engineering, addressed the board.

Brian Purcell, Buildings and Grounds Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to authorize Obermiller, Nelson Engineering to proceed with drawings for the replacement of the boiler plant that currently serves the Courthouse and the old Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Samuel and Tracy Christley on parcel number 44-1803-00142-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$77,300 to \$49,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 abatement application for James and Linda Oliver on parcel number 44-3206-00134-003 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$115,200 to \$35,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Duane Rostberg on parcel number 44-3208-00028-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$149,300 to \$79,600. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Nancy Fisher on parcel number 49-001062 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$11,590 to \$7,700. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, addressed the board. The public hearing on the 2009 Budget was opened. No one appeared and the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2009 Final Budget of \$34,414,563. Motion carried. A copy of the final budget is on file in the County Finance and Tax Office.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Service Agreements with CVIC, Lutheran Social Services, Circle of Friends Humane Society, Summer Performing Arts Company, Shelter for the Homeless and Greater Grand Forks Community Service and Restitution Program. Motion carried

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to contact Correctional Risk Service, Inc. to see if Mr. Kreal could make a presentation at the October 7, 2008 Commission Meeting regarding an inmate health insurance policy and Grand Forks County will pay his expenses if necessary. Motion failed with Murphy, Kvasager and Knauf voting nay and Malm voting aye.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, will contact Mr. Kreal, Correctional Risk Services, Inc, to see if he can make a presentation at the October 7, 2008 Commission Meeting at his own expense.

Steve Johnson, Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Executive Director, addressed the board.

Tom Behm, JLG Architects addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to authorize States Attorney Peter Welte to work with Mr. Howard Swanson, Grand Forks City Attorney, to draft a resolution approving the issuance of tax contingent bonds by the Grand Forks Airport Authority to construct a new airport terminal for approval at the October 7, 2008 Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Praxis Strategy Group, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Request for Proposals UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) implementation plan. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application of Richard Ostlie for a variance to allow an agricultural structure to be based 50' from centerline of a minimum maintenance township road in the NE ¼ of Section 21, 149 North, Range 54 West, Northwood Township. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board regarding a letter received from Daivid L. Petersen, attorney representing the Grand Forks County Water Resource Board. The letter informed the board about an obstruction complaint received from Clifford Haugen. Mr. Welte will invite Mr. Sillers, attorney representing Clifford Haugen to the next Commission meeting on October 7, 2007 to discuss this matter.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve paying all part-time Juvenile Detention employees as a Correctional Officer I, grade 6, step 1, effective January 1, 2009. All part-time employees regardless of tenure would start and remain at a step one. Their pay will only increase

if a cost-of-living increase is granted for all employees. The 2009 Juvenile Detention budget will be increased by \$18,540. Motion carried.

Chair Triplett directed Mr. Nierode to draft a policy for all part-time Juvenile Detention and Highway Department employees regarding their compensation for approval at a future Commission Meeting.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to allow Ms. Nelson to hire John Arnold for an additional two weeks beginning September 22nd to help with the absentee ballot applications and to approve an Absentee Ballot Precinct on November 4, 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Frank Matejcek to the Grand Forks City Planning Commission for a five year term beginning September 19, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to waive the property taxes on parcel #48-0001-00027-000, sell the lot to Niagara City and to approve the Chair's signature on the County Deed to Niagara City. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to sponsor the Grand Forks County 4-H Award Program at a cost of \$30.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm. The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2008.

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Constance Triplett, Chair  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor