

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

October 21, 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 October 7, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda adding Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator after item number 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status change for Andrea Huso; bills submitted by the County Auditor, Check#134932-135238 in the amount of \$477,864.10; overtime; Veterans Service Office Report and the Northwood City Agreement for Performance of Assessing Duties. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for Bret Burkholder to attend a Federal Bureau of Prisons Meeting in Minneapolis, MN on November 18-19, 2008. Motion carried.

Major Mike Fonder, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the North Dakota Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Contract for FY2009. Motion carried with Murphy, Knauf, Kvasager and Malm voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the 2007 abatement application for Saleh & Yasmin Faruque on parcel number 44-2913-00052-000 and reduce the True and Full Value from \$192,700 to \$81,600. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2007 abatement applications related to the Northwood tornado damage and reduce the True and Full Values as follows: 31-1701-00004-002 Northwood Aero Service from \$155,300 to \$136,600 and 49-1801-00014-001 Kent R. and Mary A. Charron from \$85,000 to \$60,500. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to approve the Chair's signature on the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Regional Industrial Development Land Study with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chair's signature on the Morris Sealcoat & Truck, Inc. acceptance letter for the SC-1800(008) & CP-1800(008) project. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Maintenance Certificate and authorize the Chair, States Attorney, Highway Superintendent and the Auditor to sign. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to deny the application of Derek Beaudry for a variance to allow tree plantings within the 140' setback requirement of County Road 7 in the SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 150 North, Range 50 West, Walle Township. Motion carried.

The 2008 Property Appraisal Hearing was held. A letter was received from Larimore City requesting \$630 be added to parcel number 46-0001-00252-000 and a letter was received from Northwood City requesting \$46,000 be added to parcel number 49-0001-00061-001 and \$99,000 be added to 49-0001-00087-000. No other objections were received and the hearing was closed.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the prices with the requested increases by Larimore and Northwood City and set the property sale for November 18, 2008 at 2:00pm in the County Commission Room, County Office Building. Terms of sale are cash or check only. Motion carried.

Motion by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to appoint Commissioner Arvin Kvasager as the North Dakota State Fair Annual Meeting delegate. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn.

Chair Triplett rescinded the motion to adjourn to discuss one additional topic, the Clifford Haugen obstruction complaint that was received at the last meeting. Chair Triplett said she did have a conversation with Dan Stepan, Red River Water Management Consortium Director at the EERC. Mr. Stepan said they would do a preliminary assessment of the problem with the funds that Grand Forks County has already allocated to the Red River Water Management Consortium. Chair Triplett said that is the way we will proceed if there are no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2008.

Constance Triplett, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor