

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 18, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Knauf, Schmisek, Pic and Malm present.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #141394 – 141639 in the amount of \$648,458.53; employee status changes for Doreen C. Steenerson, Barb Gangelhoff, Karrie Kellenbenz, Cameron McClenahan and Jared Hahn; overtime; bond for check reissue and the July Financial Report. Motion carried.

Amy Brooks, Lutheran Social Services, addressed the board.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to authorize Grand Forks County to act as applicant on behalf of Lutheran Social Services for a Title V Grant Application and approve the Chair's signature on the application. The County will be a pass thru agent and assume no financial responsibility. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to accept the quote from ISC Imaging for \$9,900 to scan and index 50 bound books in the Recorder's Office to be paid from the Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair's signature on the US Census Bureau Registration Form: 2010 Census New Construction Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on a North Dakota Department of Health Abandoned Motor Vehicle Grant for \$5,000 effective August 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the application of Vincent Voigt for a variance to allow a home extended business on a parcel smaller than 10 acres in a Rural Residential Single Family Zoning District in the NW ¼ of Section 10, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the application of Vincent Voigt for a Special Use Permit to operate a home extended towing business in the NW ¼ of Section 10, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on a Petition and Resolution to vacate a portion of 21st Street SE located in the plats of Steve Adams 2nd Subdivision and Steve Adams 3rd Subdivision. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the plat of Moen Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Section 20, Americus Township. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, reported the Planning Department received a complaint from the Johnstown Township Board regarding a tower that had been put up in section 32 without a permit. The Planning Department notified the property owner of the zoning violation and was given sixty (60) days to either remove the structure or apply for a Special Use Permit. The County has the policy of issuing after the fact permits provided they meet all zoning rules and regulations. Uglem Ness Co. has applied for a Special Use Permit and all zoning rules and regulations have been met.

Mark Dickson, 3050 30th Ave NE, said the Special Use Permit should not be granted because a permit was not applied for before the tower was built.

Max Danner, Johnstown Township Board Member, agreed the Special Use Permit should not be granted because it was not applied for before the tower was built.

Tom Metz, Uglem-Ness, addressed the board regarding the Special Use Permit.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the application of Uglem-Ness for a Special Use Permit to construct a 99' wooden monopole tower for a GPS guidance system in the SW ¼ of section 32, Johnstown Township. Motion carried with Knauf, Malm and Schmisek voting aye and Murphy and Pic voting nay.

Commissioner Knauf, Peter Welte and Lane Magnuson were asked to consider the options for allowing a penalty to be charged if procedures are not followed in the zoning regulation. Mr. Magnuson will bring the draft to the Commission for approval.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the Schuman Law Office for the mental health and chemical dependency involuntary commitments. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chair's signature on the contract with the Schuman Law Office for the mental health and chemical dependency involuntary commitments for \$2,500 per month, effective September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:47pm. The next meeting will be held on September 1, 2009.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor