

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 18, 2010 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included: employee status change for Abby T. Gratz; bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check#146972-147355 in the amount of \$463,732.75; April Financial Report; Gaming Site Authorization for Development Homes, Inc; ND Dept of Transportation Maintenance Agreement; GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics and Game of Chance Permit for Grand Forks County 4-H Program. Motion carried. **The approval for the ND Dept of Transportation Maintenance Agreement was rescinded at the end of this meeting.

Major Rost, Sheriff's Department, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve the Storage Space Lease for the property located at 2900 47th Ave. South, Quonset B, subject to approval by the States Attorney. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the Chair signature on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Boat Safety Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Major Rost reported Larimore City approved the Law Enforcement Services Contract effective July 1, 2010. Commissioner Pic asked Major Rost to update the Commission quarterly on the Law Enforcement agreement.

Meredith Richards, Grand Forks City Urban Development, requested a modification to the action taken on January 5, 2010 regarding the parking lot in the 300 block of South 4th Street. The County Commission requested the request be in writing and sent to the Chair of the Commission and a copy sent to the States Attorney.

Amber Vaughn, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve the abatement application for Byron & Sherry Levenseller on parcel number 44-1211-00005-000 and reduce the 2009 True and Full Value from \$204,900 to \$132,900. Motion carried.

Bret Burkholder, Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Malm, to approve out-of-state travel for Bret Burkholder to attend a Federal Bureau of Prisons Conference the last week of August 2010. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a Special Use Permit for Roger Thompson of Columbia Grain, Inc. to construct two storage bins, a dust system and a truck dump at the grain terminal in the rural townsite of Arvilla with the following conditions: 1. Continue chemical treatments to the gravel surfaces as needed to control dust in the areas designed on the site plan. 2.

The dust removal system shall continue to be maintained in a manner to reduce grain dust in the area. 3. The screening containment unit on the west end of the property shall be sealed to reduce grain dust. 4. Fully restore the drainage ditch and berm by October 1, 2010. 5. Replace and continue to maintain trees that were required for screening under the prior special use permit. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Schmisek, to approve a Special Use Permit for Tony Kobetsky of MK Ag Service Inc. to construct a storage building for business use on Lot 2, Block 2 of Bison Industrial Subdivision, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve the resolution to vacate block 37 and block 38 of the Townsite of Arvilla. Motion carried.

Jim Stewart, Arntson & Stewart, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Murphy, to give preliminary approval for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for BVI, LLC and ICON-KMP, LLP Projects, subject to a public hearing on July 6, 2010 at 4:30pm. Motion carried.

Tom Falck, Assistant States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Schmisek, seconded by Pic, to approve an increase of \$500 per month to the Mental Health Contract effective July 1, 2010. The increase will come from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve the Chair's signature on the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the County of Grand Forks. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for one Commissioner to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada on July 17-21, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to approve out-of-state travel for Commissioner Schmisek and Ed Nierode to attend the ADC Conference on August 8-11, 2010. The OEA Grant will pay the cost for Mr. Nierode and the Commission travel budget will pay for the other. Motion carried.

Moved by Pic, seconded by Murphy, to approve out-of-state travel if there is a need for Commissioner Schmisek to travel to Langley AFB, Washington DC with a community delegation committed to establishing a working relationship with the Air Combat Command. The Commission will be notified if the travel is needed. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode will continue to gather information on office supply prices.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) contract will expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Nierode will forward to the Grand Forks County Employees Association for their recommendation regarding the EAP.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to rescind the approval of the ND Dept of Transportation Maintenance Agreement approved under the Consent Agenda and hold until June 1st Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Wendy Wendt, Grand Forks Public Library Director, requested to have a member from Grand Forks County be included in a committee to select an Architect for the Grand Forks Public Library project. Commission Malm will be on the committee.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Malm, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2010.

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor