

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

July 5, 2005 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Murphy, Kvasager, Yahna, Malm and Triplett present.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to approve the order of agenda adding ICON Architectural Group after item 6. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Triplett, to approve the items in the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status change, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #37848 thru Check #37971 in the amount of \$217,775.08, approval of overtime, approve of bond for check reissue and approval of Pledges of Security. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to receive and file the Steven R Engen's DOCR Facility Inspection. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff's Deputy Mike Lee brought Gypsy, the narcotics dog in to be introduced to the County Commission.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Application for Court Facilities Improvement Grant Funds and when and if the funds are received that the Building Committee would have the final authority in how the funds would be used in the Courthouse. Motion carried.

Robert Wood, Property and Records Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Russell Bezanson II on Lots 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 & 24, Block 12, Arvilla Village, Arvilla Township, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Hubert & Corrine Hagen on part of E1/2SE1/4, 8-153-53, unplatted parts, City of Gilby, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the applications for abatement of the 2003 and 2004 taxes from Elvin Trageton on part N1/2NE1/4, 31-149-54, Northwood Township, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Triplett, to approve the application for abatement of the 2004 taxes from Carl and Elizabeth Lyngby on Lot 23, Block 3, Birkholz's 5th Addition, City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Malm, to recess the board and convene as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners was reconvened.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Don Leonard, Attorney representing the Fair Board addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Chair's signature on the 2006-2007 Federal Aid Program. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve the Plat of Trent Olson Subdivision consisting of 4 lots on 13.71 acres in Brenna Township, section 21. Motion carried with Malm, Yahna and Kvasager voting aye and Triplett voting nay.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve a Special Use Permit for a variance to allow two (2) accesses in one quarter (1/4) mile on a township road, and to allow a 15% reduction from the lot width requirement on lots 2 and 3 of Trent Olson Subdivision in section 21, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to impose a moratorium on subdivisions located in the NE1/4 corner of the NE1/4 section of each section in Grand Forks County until the Planning and Zoning Commission has completed the updates to the Land Use Plan. Motion failed with Triplett and Kvasager voting aye and Malm, Yahna and Murphy voting nay.

Moved by Triplett, to impose a moratorium on subdivisions located in the NE1/4 corner of the NE1/4 section of each section located in the Red River Valley, east of the escarpment base or east of the beach ridge, until the Planning and Zoning Commission has completed the updates to the Land Use Plan. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Yahna, seconded by Malm, to approve the Galegher Farms Approach Permit on section 20, Bentru Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to approve the Grand Forks County Planning and Zoning Approach Permit Administration Change. Motion carried.

Don Leonard, Attorney representing the Fair Board, addressed the board.

Tom Hagness, 1423 11th Ave S, Grand Forks, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the lease in principal with the Grand Forks County Fair Board pursuant to the terms iterated in the letter of June 16, 2005 to Mr. Leonard with the amendment of \$50,000 being added for the value of the utilities in lot 1, additionally a line drawn extending the east boundary of lot 5 north thru lot 7 with that change being reflected in a drawing to be recorded with the agreement and lease. The Fair Board would be able to lease that area, as well as, an area south of the County Shop for an initial lease of 10 years and for 5 year increments after that and lease for the go-kart track area would be reflected as the long term lease area, which is a 50

year lease with 29 years remaining and an additional 50 years after that and the County would agree not to lease the land to a third party. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to ratify a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Grand Forks Air Force Base Aerial Spray Operation for Mosquito Control. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to adopt July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2006, as the effective dates for adoption of the State Salary Compensation Plan for Social Service employees. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to approve Carole McMahon's job description and to forward it on to Dorothy Persons. Motion carried.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Yahna, to allow employee spouses and children living at home, up to age 19, to pay the same rates as employees for passports and passport photos. Motion failed with Malm voting aye and Triplett, Yahna and Kvasager voting nay.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to pass a resolution to increase the Marriage License Fee from \$30 to \$65, effective July 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Malm, to send Tom Saddler a copy of the letter from Bernard E Danielson and a note of appreciation for his good work. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Yahna, to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2005.

William Murphy, Chair
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor