

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 6, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Malm, Triplett, Murphy, Knauf, and Kvasager present. Commissioner Triplett and Commissioner Knauf participated via telephone from Bismarck.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Kelly Murphy, Matthew Russell, Blake Ouzounian, Matthew Roy Mclean, Candice Marie Gullickson, Toni Kain and Cathy Haines-Mohrbacher, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #121535 thru Check #121793 in the amount of \$804,551.98, approval of overtime, approval of County Deed on parcel number 07-2502-00005-000, approval of bond for check reissue, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics, Forest Stewardship Tax Law Renewal Applications, and the Grand Forks County Veterans Service Report. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to appoint John Drees and Robert Drees to the Grand Forks City Planning Commission, terms will expire 8/4/2011 and 3/29/2011, respectively. Motion carried.

Richard Onstad, Highway Superintendent, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to accept the low bid from United Crane & Excavation, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, for dragline excavation. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bids from Gabriel Construction, Northwood, ND, for gravel & hauling and Strata Corporation, Grand Forks, ND for class 43 aggregate. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to accept the low bids from Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc, Fargo, ND for riveted metal and concrete culverts and Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc., Fargo, ND for steel section plate pipe and pipe arches. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to accept the low bid from Cretex Concrete Products North, Maple Grove, MN for precast and prestressed bridge beams. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the County Road Encroachment and Crossing Permit for Qwest on County road 12. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the North Dakota Department of Transportation Construction and Maintenance Agreement County Federal Aid Project, SC-1800(007). Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board regarding the Base Realignment Impact Committee items.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Modern Technology Solution, Inc., Alexandria, VA. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the amendments to the Office Economic Adjustment Grant. Motion carried.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board..

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to deny the abatement applications for Robert and Delores Kringlen on parcel number 46-1501-00056-000 for 2005 and 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to table the abatement application for Colleen Varnson on parcel number 39-2403-00001-001 until next meeting. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, informed the board the old Social Service Building has been listed with Greenberg Realty for a list price of \$200,000.

Commissioner Triplett joined the meeting.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, reported on the January 2007 expenses and revenues for the Correctional Center.

Captain Linda Wagner, Interim Correctional Center Administrator, reported that the Correctional Center could handle 10 State inmates and 10 State work release inmates.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Interim Correctional Center Administrator's signature on the Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the State of North Dakota. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Ecolab Pest Elimination Service Agreement for the Grand Forks County Correctional Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the quote from The Tint Shop to tint the windows in pod A at the Grand Forks County Correctional Center at a cost of \$2,789.10. Motion carried.

Captain Wagner informed the board that the Grand Forks Family Medicine Residency will no longer send a physician to the Correctional Center to see inmates effective June 30, 2007. Commissioner Kvasager asked how much they charged us for this service. Captain Wagner will report back with that information.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to authorize Captain Wagner to send a letter to the surrounding medical facilities to see if they have any interest in taking care of the needs of the Correctional Center inmates, upon approval of the States Attorney and County Commission. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Murphy to contact the Commissioners in the surrounding Counties, Traill, Nelson and Walsh, to see if they have any interest in using our Correctional Center to house their inmates.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the amendments to the Grand Forks County Zoning Resolution, as presented. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, gave a Financial Report for December 2006.

Commissioner Kvasager requested the Grand Forks County Coroner be invited to a future Commission Meeting to discuss her budget.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for House Bill 1044. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to appoint Chairman Malm to the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority Board until the end of the year. Motion carried.

Chairman Malm appointed Commissioner Knauf to attend a meeting on February 15, 2007 at 12:00pm at Bonzer's to discuss uses for the old Social Services Building and report back to the County Commissioners.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

There will a joint meeting with the Polk County Commissioners on March 27, 2007 at 10:00am at the Polk County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

The Grand Forks County Township Officers Association Meeting will be February 26, 2007 at the Legion Hall in Larimore, North Dakota.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to change the date of the Grand Forks County Commission meeting from March 20<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> and change the meeting dates in July to July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2007.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor