

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 15, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting, as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the order of agenda, Ed Schultz had requested being added to the agenda but the commission decided to have a special meeting June 5th at 3:00pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Val Crane, Erin Hamilton, Dawn Shewmaker and Brandi Hogan, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #124088 thru Check #124095 and Check #124241 thru Check #124301 and Check#124311 thru Check #124327 in the amount of \$317,923.41, approval of overtime, approval of the Veteran's Service Office report, approval of GF County Sheriff's Department Transport Statistics. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to have the Planning and Zoning Department provide soil information for all septic system permits within the County's zoning jurisdiction. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to enact a six month moratorium on confined animal feeding operations within the County's zoning jurisdiction to bring the regulations in conformance with newly adopted State legislation. With the provision that the applicant, who has submitted a completed application is allowed to proceed under the current regulations. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the abatement application for Dorothy Anderson on parcel number 13-5201-00033-000 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value from \$90,800 to \$10,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement application for Leotta Anderson on parcel number 44-1303-000309-000 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value from \$121,900 to \$41,900 and the 2006 True and Full Value from \$135,300 to \$55,300. Motion carried.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the Nursing Services Agreement with the Grand Forks City Public Health Department. Motion carried.

Mr Welte also addressed the board on Altru Health System Agreement for Independent Contracted Services. He is waiting for Altru Risk Management to make minor clarifications. This contract needs to be in effect by June 30th, and requested to be put on the agenda for the June 5th meeting.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, requested that the Commission go into Executive Session to advise them on pending litigation cases.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. It was 4:25pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Kvasager, to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. It was 4:40pm. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board. Tom Saddler, Veterans Service Officer is retiring and his last day of work with the County will be July 6, 2007. Mr. Nierode presented the board with a job description he suggested be advertised in the Grand Forks Herald, Fargo Forum, Minot Daily News and the Bismarck Tribune on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the weekends of May 18th and the 25th.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the advertisement of the Veterans Service Officer position. Motion carried.

Mr. Nierode reported the notice of Court Facilities Improvement Grants will be mailed to the County Auditor on September 4, 2007 and the deadline for completing applications will be December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Murphy reported that he was in Bismarck for the Legislative Wrap-up and there were 239 registered. This was the largest turn out he remembered and it was run very well.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Resolution for General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Resolution calling for a special election to vote on the question of approving an initial resolution for general obligation bonds. Motion carried.

The question was brought up if the amount of mill levy needs to be included on the ballot. According to Jim Stewart it does not have to be included on the ballot. The amount of the mill levy will be discussed at a later date. It was suggested that there be a public information piece made referring to the mill levy.

The commission discussed the proposal made by Jeff Green, CBM America's Food Service Partner. There were concerns regarding the current employees at the Correctional Center if the County contracts with this company. There was also a question as to whether the County needs to see if there are other companies that would like to bid on the job. Mr. Nierode will get more information as to how this will affect the employees and Mr. Welte will find out if the County needs to offer this job out for bids. Commissioner Triplett asked Mr. Welte if we could get a split on the saving of terminating employees and the savings on the food. This will be discussed again at the June 5th meeting.

Mr. Nierode reported that Stone's Mobile Radio is waiting for parts for the card reader system for the Courthouse. The system should be installed in two to four weeks.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2007 at 3:00pm.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Deana Mayotte, Assistant Treasurer