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The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Courthouse, Grant County Administration Building and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with fifteen (15) members present in the room: John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: Carol Beals and Dwight Nelson.

Others present in the room: Ben Wood Corporation Council; Tonya White, County Clerk; Shane Drinkwater, IT; Joyce Roling, Personnel and Jack Johnson, Sheriff’s Office.

Others present virtually: Lori Reid, ADRC; Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Lynda Schweikert, CSZD; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Amy Olson, Fair; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Ken McAndrew, Veterans; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk; Misty Molzof, City of Boscobel; Angie Mitchell, Julie Durst and Matt Gantenbein.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Dwight Nelson, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2021 with one minor change. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** WCA Conference will be held in LaCrosse September 26-28. Please contact Tonya for information pertaining to your attendance.

American Rescue Plan Act 2021 first payment will be around May 12th. Carrie, Tonya and Amanda have verified that Grant County does have the proper DUNS and SAM number to accept those monies. Grant County is eligible for $9,976,277. Other municipalities throughout Grant County are eligible for funding totaling $5,084,772.

Chairman Keeney thanked Tonya, Karla and all the Department Heads for the contribution to the Departmental Report.

**Employee Recognition:** Chairman Keeney recognized Chris Moll for her 20 years of service to Orchard Manor.
**Appointments:** Don Splinter, second by Mark Stead made a motion to appoint Jon Knautz as the Grant County Highway Commissioner for the balance of the term, to end December 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Fred Naatz presented the Coordinated Service Team grant. The grant is for $20,000 with no match. John Beinborn, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application for the Coordinated Service Team. Motion carried by voice vote.

Amy Olson presented the Alliant Energy Impact grant. The grant is for up to $5,000 and will replace trees that need to be removed from the Fairgrounds. Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Alliant Energy Impact grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. In the past fourteen days Grant County has averaged 6.7 cases per day. On the rolling average for the past fourteen days the cases are younger. About 40% of the cases are in their 20’s or younger. 15% of that 40% are 18 and younger. For 65 and older they make up about 7% of Grant County cases. Probable cases are at 1.9 cases per day with 78% in their 20’s or younger. Grant County is still considered in the high level according to the State of Wisconsin. With vaccinations, 35.5% of individuals have received one dose and 26% have completed the series.

Chairman Keeney gave a brief update on Grant County buildings opening for business. The court system will go live Monday, April 26, 2021. They will be monitoring the front door for entry. They have been holding some jury trials. Other departments have been operating with an open door. The Fairgrounds has opened and so has Community Services Building.

Chairman Keeney would like to maintain the Proclamation of Emergency for funding purposes. Jeff Kindrai advised that the Health Department would not be able to maintain the vaccination clinics without the assistance of LTE’s and volunteers that are being funded through emergency funds. Chairman Keeney reviewed the twelve Proclamations, most have lapsed or expired. There are two that are still in effect. Those being Proclamation #10 which is temporary pay for Health Department staff and Proclamation #11 which is temporary Orchard Manor incentive.

Chairman Keeney distributed Grant County Board of Supervisors Rules for Participation in Meetings by Telephone Conference Call or Other Electronic Means. Corporation Council explained that the County Board adopted Robert’s Rules and Robert’s Rule says that you can have specific policies that allow for those different things. Under the current rules, once the Emergency Proclamation has ended there will be no ability to participate and be part of the quorum and vote via electronic means. Jeff Kindrai feels uncomfortable having large numbers of the public in the County Board Room, unmasked, unvaccinated and not social distanced because it is not in the best interest of public health. The rules for participation will be placed on the County Board, May 18th agenda and the Administrative Committee should meet on the subject, Board of Health should share comments and Executive should consider the rules.

**Policy Update-Fleet Safety:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the updated policy to the Board. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Fleet Safety Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.
Resolution for Support for Achieving Base Funding Goal for County Conservation Staffing: Lynda Schweikert, CSZD presented the resolution to the board. Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

575th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 575th Zoning Amendment filed by Eugene and Julie Oyen, Potosi Township to the Board. Greg Fry, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the 575th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Phase III Communications Project: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater, IT Director who gave a presentation on Grant County Phase III Communications Project. The original intent to move forward with this project came from the American Rescue Plan. There is also an opportunity from the House Committee on Appropriations to receive earmarked funding. Gary Ranum, second by Greg Fry made a motion to move forward with Phase III as described, which includes the radio and fiber loop portions, using out of budget spending plus using the American Rescue Plan Act funds for such development. The motion was amended by Gary Ranum, second by Greg Fry to move forward on Phase III project using out of budget spending with no directive to where the money is coming from.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Move forward on Phase III project using out of budget spending with no directive to where the money is coming from.

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County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.
**Resolution Authorizing Submission for FY 2022 Community Project Funding:** Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was amended by Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry to apply for $16 million funding through the FY 2022 Project Funding.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** None

**Committee Reports:**
Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair Board Committee.
Gary Ranum gave an update on Unified Community Services Committee and Executive Committee.
Lester Jantzen gave an update on Veterans Office.
Don Splinter gave an update on Orchard Manor Committee and Highway Committee.
Mark Stead gave an update on Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee.
Porter Wagner gave an update on the Third Floor Project.
John Beinborn gave an update on Social Services Committee and Economic Development.
Roger Guthrie gave an update on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee.
Carol Beals gave an update on Board of Health.

Adjournment: John Patcle, second by Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Note: Grant County resolutions and ordinances are available for viewing at the Grant County Clerk’s Office.*
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Courthouse, Grant County Administration Building and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room: John Beinborn, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: Carol Beals and Greg Fry. Gary Northouse was excused.

Others present in the room: Ben Wood, Corporation Council; Tonya White, County Clerk; Shane Drinkwater, IT; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Nate Dreckman, Sheriff’s Office; Ken McAndrew, Veterans; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance and Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development.

Others present virtually: Lori Reid, ADRC; Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Lynda Schweikert, CSZD; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; James Schneider, Community Development Educator; Amy Olson, Fair; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk; Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind; Jaclyn Essandoh, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Jim Jermain and Misty Molzof, City of Boscobel.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda. John Patcle, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** The application with Representative Kind’s Office for House Appropriations Community Project Funding was submitted. Grant County’s application was one of the nine that will be forwarded on to the House of Appropriations. The application was for $15,665,000.00 to cover the 171 miles of fiber loop and the additional ten towers for the communications system.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds is available. The Finance Director has logged in to the portal and requested the first half of the funds. The final guidelines are still not available.

Chairman Keeney recognized Grant County Child Support Agency for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Certification of Excellence Award.
The Highway 129/61 intersection at the south end will be upgraded this summer. The project is set to begin June 7, 2021.

Chairman Keeney has had citizens contact him regarding the State Historical Society’s decision to close area sites including Stonefield in Cassville.

**Employee Recognition:** Chairman Keeney recognized Kim Spease for her 40 years of service to Orchard Manor.

**Appointments:** Pat Schroeder, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to appoint Mike Lieurance to serve a three-year term on Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election to the Social Services Board: John Beinborn made a motion to nominate Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter. Chairman Keeney called for nominations three times. John Patcle, second by Mark Stead made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Fred Naatz, Social Services, presented the Protective Services Program grant. The grant is for $12,074.00 with no match. Greg Fry, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant application for Protective Services Program. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sheriff Dreckman presented the FY2021 T-CPR Grant. The grant is for $3,264.44 with no match. Porter Wagner, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**576th Zoning Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance:** Justin Johnson presented the 576th Zoning Amendment filed by Michael Berg, Ellenboro Township to the Board. Lester Jantzen, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the 576th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG-Close Projects:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development. Both projects have executed project contracts through the State of Wisconsin. Since Southwest Opportunities Center is a commercial building that requires state plan approval and they need an engineer to draft the plans and submit to the state. The estimated cost of engineering is $6,640. That cost was included in the proposal. An RFP process has been completed by Southwest Opportunities Center. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the authorization of the contract for Southwest Opportunities Center project of $6,640.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Question: Authorize the engineering contract for Southwest Opportunities Center project of $6,640.

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The RFP for the Platteville Mining Museum roof project is ready to publish for bids. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the Platteville Mining Museum roof project to go out for bids using the plans they have drafted.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Question: Approve the Platteville Mining Museum roof project to go out for bids using the plans the Mining Museum have drafted.

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COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Operations: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. As of today’s date, Grant County is averaging 2.5 confirmed cases per day with 49% of the cases in the past 14 days are 20 and younger and 9% over 65. Grant County is still considered moderately high by the state. One concern is there have been three variance identified in Grant County.
Grant County is lagging behind with vaccinations. Only 38.5% have received at least one dose and 35.2% have completed the series. Only 14.1% of 18-24 year olds have receive one dose and 11.5% have completed the series. For 65 and older 85.3% have completed the series. Last week 929 vaccinations were administered in Grant County. Community testing is now being done at the Health Department by appointment only. Demand has been relatively low for testing.

The Health Department is recommending everyone follow the CDC and State of Wisconsin guidance relating to masking. Businesses may choose to be more stringent on masking. Those individuals that are vaccinated should feel comfortable not wearing a mask and those that are not are just putting themselves at risk by walking around unmasked.

**Discussion on Meeting Participation:** Chairman Keeney stated that various committees were asked to make recommendations on meeting participation. ADRC Committee does have citizen members on the committee and they are required to have a person who is a representative of someone who is disabled or a disabled person sit on the committee. The Zoom option allows ADRC to reach out to people who normally might not be able to sit on the committee. Board of Health has three individuals who are not board members on the committee. Zoom option makes it easier for Board of Health to have a quorum. The Administrative Committee recommended moving forward with in person meetings with County Board members and allowing Zoom participation by others. If County Board members want to be counted as part of the quorum and earn per diem they need to be at the meeting. Pat Schroeder made a motion, second by John Patcle that County Board members must be present in person at a meeting to be counted as part of the quorum and paid per diem. The following discussion ensued: Last year, the resolution that was passed, allowed the County Board Chair to issue proclamations during the emergency order. The resolution allows virtual attendance during the meetings. Corporation Council asked whether the board was going to do an amendment to the Emergency Resolution or if the board was changing the County Board Rules. Pat Schroeder, second by John Patcle rescinded the motion.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Completion of the Lancaster Fiber Optic Loop:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater, IT Director to present the Lancaster Fiber Optic Loop project. The fiber loop would run from McDonald’s to the Community Services Building. The loop would create a redundant system and allow for no interruptions if there would be a break. The cost would be $73,000. Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve out of budget spending for $73,000 to install the fiber loop from McDonald’s to CSB.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Question: Approve out of budget spending for $73,000 to install the fiber optic loop from McDonald’s to CSB.

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**Discussion and Possible Action of Administration Third Floor Project:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Garry Pluemer, Maintenance. Garry would like to finish the hallways and bathrooms on the third floor. The estimated cost of the project would be $53,114. The Administrative Committee recommended approval using American Rescue Plan funding. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to follow the recommendation of the Administrative Committee and approve out of budget spending using American Rescue Plan.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

**Question:** Approve out of budget spending using the American Rescue Plan funding for the Third Floor Project.

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John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to reconsider the previous motion to the correct total of $51,954 for the third floor project.
Question: Amend the previous action for a total of $51,954 for the project.

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**Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Adopting Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan:**
Jaclyn Essandoh, Southwest Regional Planning along with James Schneider presented the plan to the Board. Pat Schroeder, second by Mike Lieurance made the motion to approve the resolution adopting the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Southwest Regional Planning has invoiced Grant County $3000 for their services. The invoice would be out of budget spending but does fit the criteria for American Rescue Plan under tourism. The Ag and Extension Committee did pass the recommendation to the full County Board that out of budget spending be used from the American Rescue Plan for the invoice which was dated March 21, 2021. Porter Wagner, second by Dale Hood made a motion to approve out of budget spending in the amount of $3,000 from the American Rescue Plan to pay the invoice from Southwest Regional Planning for their work on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Question: Approve out of budget spending in the amount of $3,000 from the American Rescue Plan to pay the invoice from Southwest Regional Planning for their work on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan.

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**Dog Claims:** None

**Committee Reports:** Lester Jantzen, second by Bob Scallon made a motion to dispense the committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Mark Stead, second by Dwight Nelson made the motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on June 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.
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Agenda: Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Dwight Nelson, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Amy Olson who presented information on the upcoming Grant County Fair which will take place August 15, 2021 through August 22, 2021.

Chairman Keeney reported the first tranche of the American Rescue Plan Act has been deposited.

Chairman Keeney reported that due to a scheduling conflict the presentation and action on the Grant County Strategic Plan will take place at the July meeting.

Employee Recognition: There are no employee recognitions.

Appointments: There are no appointments.
**Grants:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management, presented the EMPG-S grant. The grant is for $10,574.00 with a 50% match that can be utilized through COVID costs. Gary Ranum, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Action to Rescind previous motion to elect 3 members to Social Services:** At last month’s meeting, action was taken for Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter to remain on Social Services board. After some research, Don Splinter should have had a longer term and Robert Scallon should have been the member replaced. Corporation Council recommended rescinding last month’s motion and taking action to elect the correct three members. Greg Fry, second by John Beinborn made a motion to rescind the previous action of three year terms for Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Election of 3 members to the Social Services Board for term to expire in 2021:** John Beinborn, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to nominate Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Robert Scallon. Chairman Keeney called for nominations three times. John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Robert Scallon. Motion carried by voice vote.

**577th Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson presented the 577th Zoning Amendment filed by James and Julie Klinger, Platteville Township to the board. Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the 577th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG-Close Projects:** The Rollo Jamison Museum bid opening was yesterday. There were no bids submitted so the bid process has been extended to July 12, 2021.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion, and Possible Action:** As of today’s date Grant County is on the fourth day without a confirmed case. In June, hospitalizations have improved. In the past fourteen days Grant County has averaged 1.3 cases per day; 50% of the cases are under the age of 18, 6% are over the age of 65. Grant County is considered medium by the state.

In Grant County, 40.8% have received at least one dose. The rates among 20-24 year olds significantly lag the state’s rate. Only 15.7% have completed the first dose and 13.5% have completed the series. For 16 and 17 year olds, 26.2% have received at least one dose and 21.4% have completed the series. For 12-15 year olds, 17.1% have received at least one dose and 6.7% completed the series.

Grant County Circuit Court has amended the operational plan effective June 7, 2021 to return to pre-COVID operations. The amendment was signed by Judge Day and approved by Judge Van De Hey.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Proclamation #14:** Porter Wagner, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to ratify Proclamation #14 Guidance on Masks in Grant County Facilities. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on COVID Related Meetings:** This item was brought back from the May meeting to verify the recommendation of other committees. At the Administrative Committee meeting, the recommendation was for County Board members to attend in person in order to have voting rights, to earn per diems and was during the emergency declaration. No action was taken.
Discussion and Possible Action on Grant County Policies: On the Grant County Procurement Policy there were some changes, under Definition and Process the useful life was changed from two years to one year to be consistent throughout the manual. Another change under 2d, Public works will be addressed by the statute. Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the Procurement Policy with the changes of expendable property change to useful life of one year, custodial asset of at least one year and capital asset of over one year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Courthouse and Administration Building Facilities Policy – There were some changes to the policy. The policy stated space heaters were prohibited but now will be allowed. Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the policy with the changes and to amend the CSB policy to strike space heaters. Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made the motion to amend the previous motion to approve the facilities policy for the Grant County Courthouse and Administration Building. Motion carried by voice vote.

No action taken at this time on the Remote Work Policy.

Dog Claim(s): Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion contingent on the approval by the Ag, Extension and Fair Committee, to pay three outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of $465. Motion carried by voice vote.


Adjournment: Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on July 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Note: Grant County resolutions and ordinances are available for viewing at the Grant County Clerk’s Office.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with seventeen (17) members present in the room: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner.

Others present in the room: Lori Reid, ADRC; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Ben Wood, Corporation Council; Tonya White, County Clerk; James Schneider, Community Development Educator; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Shane Drinkwater, IT; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Nate Dreckman, Sheriff’s Office; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; Kristin Schier, Treatment Court Program Coordinator; Troy Maggied, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Cory Ritterbusch, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Tasha Blindert, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development; Jerry Wehrle, Eileen Nickels and Brian Bierman.

Others present virtually: Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk; Misty Molzof, City of Boscobel and Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda with the removal of Methamphetamine Diversion Grant Program. John Beinborn, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda with one change. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Porter Wagner, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney gave a brief update on the Community Services Building. Shane and Garry have received most of the as-built materials. Landscaping was reviewed and Wiederholt will be coming back to complete the landscaping. Once the landscaping is complete, the Community Services Building project can be closed out.
The Communications System Project that was submitted to Representative Ron Kind’s Office for federal appropriation did not make the House of Appropriation Committee list. Ron Kind’s Office and Tammy Baldwin’s Office have contacted Chairman Keeney to help with other funding sources.

The Great River Road has been renamed to All American Road. The All American Road Dedication will be held August 3rd at the Potosi Brewery.

American Rescue Plan Act guideline comment period has ended. The US Treasury is working on the final rules and is hoping to have the final guidelines out by August 1st.

The redistricting timeline is very short. The Census Bureau is hoping to have numbers to the State of Wisconsin by mid-August. The State is hoping to have the numbers to Counties by September 1st.

Anyone wishing to attend WCA Convention needs to fill out registration form and return to Tonya.

Memoriam for Robert “Bob” Eckert: Chairman Keeney presented the memoriam to the Board for Bob Eckert.

Robert Scallon, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to adopt Resolution #02-21 Memoriam for Bob Eckert to be presented to the Eckert family. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESOLUTION #02-21
IN MEMORIAM OF ROBERT “BOB” ECKERT

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 20th day of July, 2021 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Bob Eckert from the Town of Millville, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Bob Eckert served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors as a Town Chairman from the Town of Millville; serving on Grant County committees and

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Bob Eckert and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair
Tonya White, County Clerk

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to Brian Bierman for his 31 years of service to the Sheriff’s Office. Brian was present to receive his certificate.
Appointment(s): None

Grant(s): Kristin Schier, Treatment Court Program Coordinator, presented the OWI Court and Drug Court TAD Grant. There is a 25% match. Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the application of OWI Court and Drug Court to DOJ. Motion carried by voice vote.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: In the past fourteen days Grant County is averaging 0.8 cases per day and no probable cases. 27% are under the age of 18, 27% in their 30’s and there are no real hot spots. Yesterday, a new death was reported. Grant County is considered at a medium level. Since May, 19% of the cases were hospitalized and 13% were unknown.

With vaccinations in Grant County, we lag with 41.8% of the residents receiving at least one dose and 40.3% have completed the series. The most challenging age range is 18-24 year olds where 15.6% have completed the series.

Discussion and Possible Action on Sale Tax Deed Parcel 038-00331-0010 (Town of Mt. Hope): Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the bid in the amount of $2530. Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the sale of tax deed parcel 038-00331-0010 in the amount of $2530.

ROLL CALL VOTE

QUESTION: Approve the sale of tax deed parcel 038-00331-0010.

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County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

578th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 578th Zoning Amendment filed by L-T-D Cook Farm, Wingville Township, Bruce and Carla Flesch, Lima Township and James Frey, Boscobel Township to the Board. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.
Discussion and Possible Action on the Strategic Plan: James Schneider presented the 2021 Grant County Strategic Plan to the board. Roger Guthrie, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the Grant County Strategic Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Presentation by Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission: Troy Maggied, Executive Director of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation on what they have accomplished in the last year and how they serve the region.

Discussion and Possible Action on the CDBG-CLOSE Bid for Platteville Mining Museum Roof: Ron Brisbois, Executive Director of Economic Development presented the bids for the Platteville Mining Museum Roof. Midwest Roofing came in under budget by $96,651 and Renaissance Roofing came in over budget by $121,791. Eric Flesch and Ron have reviewed the bids and would like to recommend awarding the bid to Midwest Roofing. Mark Stead, second Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Midwest Roofing bid of $265,125.

ROLL CALL VOTE

QUESTION: Approve the Midwest Roofing bid for the Platteville Mining Museum Roof.

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Discussion and Possible Action on Grant County Policies: Joyce Roling, Personnel presented the Holiday Policy Revision. This was prompted by the newest federal holiday. The language in the policy currently has that Conservation employees follow the same holiday schedule as Soil conservation which follow the federal holiday. The policy revision lists the actually holidays Conservation employees have. Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the Holiday Policy Revision. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote.

Joyce Roling presented the Telecommuting Policy to the Board. This allows authorized staff to perform assigned work at their approved home location during regular hours of work. There was a temporary policy in place during COVID. Carol Beals, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the Telecommuting Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Mark Stead gave a report on Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee.

Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair Board Committee.

Robert Scallon gave an update on Hidden Valley.

Gary Ranum gave an update on Unified Community Services and Executive Committee.

Lester Jantzen gave an update on Veteran’s Office.

John Beinborn gave an update on Social Services Committee and Economic Development.
Don Splinter gave an update on Orchard Manor Committee and Highway Committee.

Carol Beals gave an update on Board of Health Committee.

**Adjournment:** Robert Scallon, second by Mark Stead made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with fifteen (15) members present in the room: Carol Beals, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: John Beinborn and Robert Scallon.

Others present in the room: Tonya White, County Clerk; Ben Wood, Corporation Council; Lynda Schweikert, CSZD; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Lori Reid, ADRC; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Nate Dreckman, Sheriff’s Office; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Ken McAndrew, Veterans; Bennet Goldstein, media; Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development and Andy Fritz.

Others present virtually: Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Jamie Kreul, Health Department; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk’s Office; Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind and Shawn Handfelt, Health Department.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda with the addition of item 12 and the deletion of one tax deed parcel. Don Splinter, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Dwight Nelson, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney extended a thank you to Emergency Management, ADRC and all other volunteers for the support in Boscobel.

The Grant County Fair is this week.

PDPW/WCA is hosting an event Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Winch Pine Grove Farms near Fennimore.

WCA room confirmations were handed out. The Conference is September 26th-28th.

Census data has been released. There may be a need for an Administrative Committee meeting in the near future.
Governor Evers’ Office gave Grant County a certificate at the All American Road dedication ceremony.

**Employee Recognition:** Chairman Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to Andy Fritz for his 23 years of service to the Highway Department. Andy Fritz was present to receive his certificate.

**Appointment(s):** None

**Grant(s):** None

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported that the CDC and the State of Wisconsin have updated the policy on giving boosters to immunocompromised individuals. Boosters will be available to seniors within the next few weeks. The general boosters for the public for those that are eight months out from completing the series will be available in a few months. Full approval of Pfizer and Moderna is expected within the next few weeks. Approval for kids, under the age of 12, is likely to happen later this year. With vaccinations in Grant County, 43.4% have received one dose and 41.4% have completed the series. Still the most challenging age range is with younger individuals. Vaccinated individuals rate of hospitalization is reduced by 90%; it reduces your risk of death by 99% and reduces transmission by about 50%.

Grant County is averaging 6.5 cases per day with 8% of the cases under the age of 12, 15% are 20 and younger, 43% are 40 and younger, 14% are 65 and older. Grant County is having probable cases with 0.8 cases per day and 54% are in their 30's or younger. Grant County is now listed as High. Hospitalizations are growing throughout the state with eight (8) hospitalizations in Grant County.

Carol Beals, second by Greg Fry made a motion to require all individuals to wear a mask in all County buildings. A roll call vote was taken with five (5) Yes, and twelve (12) No, therefore motion failed, Schroeder, Lieurance, Stead, Nelson, Jantzen, Splinter, Wagner, Ranum, Northouse, Keeney, Guthrie and Patcle opposing.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG CLOSE Administration Contracts:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development. Brisbois presented the submitted CDBG Contract Administration Proposals for Platteville Mining Museum and Lancaster SWOC Daycare. Of the three proposals submitted, Grant County Economic Development had the lowest bid of $6,000.00. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve Grant County Economic Development for $6000 worth of administrative costs for the Platteville Mining Museum and Lancaster Southwest Opportunity Center Daycare. A roll call vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.

**579th Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson presented the 579th Zoning Amendment filed by Douglas & Jody Cushman, Town of Clifton to the board. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on changing the Administration of the Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC effective January 2022:** Social Services Committee has approved the change. ADRC meets Wednesday and will take action. Fred Naatz explained that Social Services have been running Alzheimer’s Family Care Givers Support Program since it first started. It made sense at the time because Social Services operated the Long Term Care Program which has now become Family Care. ADRC currently is operating a similar program. Lori Reid would like
to change the state contract from DHS to GWAAR. In order to do that a resolution needs to be passed. This will ease the burden on consumers having to deal with two separate agencies within the County.

Don Splinter, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the change of the administration of the Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC. The motion was amended by Don Splinter, second by Greg Fry to approve the change of the administration of the Alzheimer’s Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC pending ADRC committee approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on funding of Storage Facility:** There has been discussion on building a storage facility near CSB with cold storage and maintenance department with future expansion. As COVID hit and prices went up, it was decided to cut back to just a cold storage facility with the hopes that WI DOT Trust Fund would cover the cost. Bids were opened in June and the bids were higher than anticipated. A joint meeting was held with ADRC and the Administrative Committee. At the joint meeting, it was determined to move forward to the full Board for approval; ADRC would use $200,000 from the DOT Trust Fund, $50,000 from the savings of the roof project and $75,000 from the general fund. Dale Hood, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to move forward with the storage facility using $200,000 from WI DOT Trust Fund, $50,000 from savings on the Administration Building roof project and $75,000 from general fund. A Roll Call vote was taken with 13 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Hood, Beals, Guthrie opposing and Beinborn abstaining.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Sale of Tax Deed Parcels 020-00803-0020 (Town of Harrison):** Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the bid in the amount of $5980. Mark Stead, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the sale of tax deed parcel 020-00803-0020 in the amount of $5980. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Out of Budget Spending for the Grant County Fiber Optic Loop from Lancaster to Platteville using ARPA funding:** Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented an update on the fiber loop from Lancaster to Platteville. Connection needs to be made to the Platteville Police Department for the 911 system. The estimated cost would be $856,050.89. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to approve out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop from Lancaster to Platteville using ARPA funding. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Short Term Funding for Communications Land Acquisition:** Ten tower sites need to be located for the communications project. One tower site has been determined at the Platteville Highway Shop. There is an interested farm that would like to work with the County on the south tower site. There is an opportunity to exchange some land with the DNR leaving eight tower sites to be secured. Sheriff Dreckman and Chief Deputy Johnson would like to secure funding before speaking with landowners. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to grant the authority to the Sheriff to negotiate land purchases for the placement of the communications towers and fiber loop shelters. The motion was amended by Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner to grant the authority to the Sheriff to negotiate land purchases for the placement of the communications towers and fiber optic loop shelters with reporting back to the Administrative Committee for full approval of each purchase. Roll Call Vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.
**Discussion and Possible action on the Sale of Law Enforcement Center:** Chairman Keeney shared the draft RFP proposal with the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to use the dates in the draft proposal and issue the RFP immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion, contingent on the approval by the Ag, Extension and Fair Committee, to pay six (6) outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of $930. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Mark Stead gave an update on Conservation Sanitation and Zoning Committee. Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair/UW Extension Committee. Gary Ranum gave an update on Unified Community Services and Executive Committee. Lester Jantzen gave an update on Veteran’s Office. Don Splinter gave an update on Orchard Manor Committee and Highway Committee. Carol Beals gave an update on Board of Health Committee.

**Discussion on the need for a County Board meeting in September:** Historically, because of WCA Convention there is not a meeting in September. After discussion it was decided to not have a meeting in September.

**Adjournment:** Don Splinter, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with fifteen (15) members present in the room: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: Gary Ranum and Dwight Nelson.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda with the addition of items 15 and 16. There is also an error on the agenda with the opening paragraph. It should read item 17.D instead of 15.D. John Beinborn, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021 with two corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney reminded the Supervisors that the WCA Conference starts Sunday night.

The Administrative Committee did meet and has a tentative map that will be discussed at a public hearing on October 5, 2021 as part of the Grant County Board meeting.

There is an RFP on the county website for the former law enforcement property. Submittals need to be submitted by September 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Sheriff Dreckman has also listed six items on govdeals.com which close September 23, 2021. Those items include the generator, a commercial washer, three phase air compressor, electric stove, commercial grade dryer and 220-foot radio tower.

**Appointments:** Dale Hood, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve Rob Bell to the ADRC Regional Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lester Jantzen, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve Vicki Hirsch to the ADRC Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management presented the HMEP Grant. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the application for the HMEP Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.
**Resolution- Grant County Conservation Aids Program:** James Schneider presented the resolution to the board. Bob Scallon, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #34-20 Grant County Conservation Aids Program. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Authorizing Participation in Public Funding for Snowmobile Trails:** James Schneider presented the resolution to the board. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution #36-20 Authorizing Participation in Public Funding for Snowmobile Trails. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution to Transfer Administrative Responsibility of the Alzheimer’s Family Support Program from the Grant County Department of Social Services to the Grant County Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin:** Lori Reid and Fred Naatz presented the resolution to the board. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve Resolution #35-20 to Transfer Administrative Responsibility of the Alzheimer’s Family Support Program from the Grant County Department of Social Services to the Grant County Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop from Platteville to Platteville Airport using ARPA funding:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater. Drinkwater explained that they would like to extend the fiber optic loop to the Platteville Airport while the contractor is in Platteville. Mark Stead, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop from Platteville to the Platteville airport using ARPA funding in the amount of $124,456.30. A roll call vote was taken with 17 Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop for 2 metro net routers for use with Lancaster, Platteville Police Department/PCAN and Platteville tower site using ARPA funding:** Shane Drinkwater explained that the metro net routers are needed for the communication from Lancaster to Platteville. Greg Fry, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop for two (2) metro net routers for use with Lancaster, Platteville Police Department/PCAN and Platteville tower site using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with 17 Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Proclamation #15 TEMPORARY ORCHARD MANOR EXEMPT STAFF PAY DUE TO COVID-19 AND SHORTAGE OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS:** Carol Schwartz presented Proclamation #15 to the board. Don Splinter, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve Proclamation #15 Temporary Orchard Manor Exempt Staff Pay Due to COVID-19 and Shortage of Health Care Workers. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Proclamation #16 TEMPORARY ORCHARD MANOR EXPANDED BONUS/INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO INCREASE STAFFING NEEDS:** Carol Schwartz presented Proclamation #16 to the board. Carol Beals, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve Proclamation #16 Temporary Orchard Manor Expanded Bonus/Incentive Program to Increase Staffing Needs. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:**

**A. Health Department Report:** Jeff Kindrai reported that Grant County has had 5,641 confirmed cases, 858 probables and 103 deaths. Grant County is averaging 27.1 cases per day. Currently 33.9% of cases
are 18 and younger and 9% are 65 and older. In the past 14 days 29.3% of the probable cases have been 18 and younger and 5.2% are 65 and older.

There are 380 known hospitalizations since March 2020, 3084 are listed as not hospitalized and 3,019 are listed as unknown because that information has not been filled in. Under the age of 18 there were 7 that were hospitalized, four are 18 to 19 years old, 29 are in their 20’s, 27 are in their 30’s, 27 are in their 40’s, 48 are in their 50’s, 80 are in their 60’s and 158 are 70 and older.

In September, so far there have been 78 breakthrough cases. 88.5% of the cases were over 100 days after completing the series. In August there were 61 breakthrough cases with 90.2% being over 100 days out from completing the series. Prior to August there were 14 total, with 21.4% over 100 days out.

Testing is taking place at the former Shopko building M/W/F from 10 to 12. There was a request for the National Guard support to assist with testing. The Guard will start assisting this Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and every Friday until December 10, 2021 excluding the day after Thanksgiving. Their availability is still questionable. Area providers are also providing testing and several schools have contracted with the state to offer testing.

Vaccination is still ongoing. There was an uptick of vaccination just before school started. A large percentage of the people getting vaccinated were school aged kids and immunocompromised individuals. Vaccinations are being done at the Health Department and they would prefer an appointment be scheduled.

Jeff shared some information off of the DHS website. He showed how to navigate through the county level data, Wisconsin deaths, deaths by age range and deaths by group. Jeff also navigated through the hospital and school information that is posted on the DHS website.

**B. Orchard Manor Operational Challenges and possible action:** Carol Schwartz explained that Orchard Manor is still under guidelines where they have to test employees more frequently. The unvaccinated staff have to be tested twice a week. Orchard Manor is allowing some visitation. It has not been determined how the vaccination mandate will work. They have extended the date for the information coming from Medicare and Medicaid. The mandate now involves all health care workers and states that if the facility does not mandate vaccinations the facility will not receive any Medicare or Medicaid funding.

**C. Other Department operations and possible action:** Tina McDonald gave an update for the Courthouse. The courthouse is still holding jury trials and following CDC guidelines. There is still security at the front door.

Jon Knautz, Highway Department gave an update for the Highway Department. They provided vaccination opportunity at the shop. They are trying to social distance as much as possible.

Sheriff Dreckman gave an update for the Sheriff’s Office. They have not changed protocol.

Lori Reid gave an update for ADRC. They have seen significant changes. ADRC staff are all masked when outside of the offices. There have also been several people out on leave for various COVID related illnesses. A few meal sites have been impacted and Lori is having a hard time finding back up vendors.
Fred Naatz gave an update for Social Services. They are trying to follow the CDC guidelines. They are asking individuals inside the office to wear face masks. Social Services has had a few individuals come in contact with COVID and had to quarantine.

Jeff Kindrai shared the WIAA guidance. For determining close contacts with sporting events the Health Department works closely with the schools and coaches to identify who is a close contact and only exclude those that are. In some cases, there is grey areas, and when there are grey areas the Health Department consults with the state. There have been outbreaks associated with sports in Grant County.

**Closed session per statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it relates to the Grant County Health Officer:** Greg Fry, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with 17 Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Return to Open Session:** Dale Hood, second by John Patcle made a motion to reconvene to open session. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Possible Action on Closed Session discussion:** Pat Schroeder made the motion to release Jeff Kindrai as Health Director and try to restore unity back in Grant County. For lack of receiving a second on the motion, the motion dies.

**Adjournment:** Mark Stead, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to adjourn until October 5, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with sixteen (16) members present in the room: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Gregory Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Patrick Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually one (1) member: Dwight Nelson.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Don Splinter, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Grant County continues to work on the communications system with conduit for the fiber loop. The contractor has reached Platteville and will be working in that area. The next area that is being considered is to start on County G and work back towards Lancaster. Tower sites are also being considered in Muscoda’s industrial park, near or in the City of Boscobel and at a property on Preston Road east of Fennimore. RACOM has asked Grant County to consider some contract negotiations. Ben Wood, Corporation Council and Chairman Keeney will send a red line version to RACOM.

Opioid Litigation is entering the proposed opioid settlement phase. Action may be needed by the end of the year regarding the settlement.

Chairman Keeney asked everyone to be respectful, germane to the subject and follow the same rules as the September meeting.

**Employee Recognition(s):** None

**Appointment(s):** Porter Wagner, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve Lance Wetter to represent the Faith Community and Dr. Jacob Hiatt to represent the Medical Community to the CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** None

**580th Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson presented the 580th Zoning Amendment filed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Town of Watterstown to the board. Porter Wagner, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.
COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported 415 confirmed cases, 67 probable cases and 3 deaths since the meeting two weeks ago. Grant County is averaging 31.5 cases per day. 37.1% are under the age of 20, 10.7% are in their 20’s, 13.4% are in their 30’s, 11.8% are in their 40’s, 9.1% are in their 50’s, 9.3% are in their 60’s and 7.2% are 70 or older. Platteville has 14.3% of the cases in the past 14 days, 19.2% in Lancaster, 10.2% in Fennimore, 19.7% in Boscobel, 5.7% in Muscoda, 6.1% in Hazel Green and 4.8% in Potosi. 31% of the probable cases are 18 and younger and 11.3% are 65 and older.

Hospitalizations have gone up 20, 217 listed as not hospitalized and 219 as unknown. Of the 400 known hospitalizations 7 are under the age of 18, 5 are 18 to 19 years old, 32 are in their 20’s, 29 are in their 30’s, 28 are in their 40’s, 54 are in their 50’s, 82 are in their 60’s and 163 are 70 and older.

So far in October, there have been four breakthrough infections. In September, there were 166 breakthrough cases.

Free testing is being offered at the old Shopko building Monday, Wednesday and Friday from nine to noon. There is hope that a contractor can be brought in to do testing on Tuesday and Thursday. It would be a pay for service, either billing an insurance company or paying for cash. The tests would be a rapid test and the results would be within 30 minutes with a cost of around $130. The details have not been completely worked out. Area providers are doing rapid tests with a cost of around $75.

Vaccines are still being offered at the Health Department by appointment.

Porter Wagner made a motion to take authority away from the Health Department and place the authority to the school districts. Corporation Council advised that the Health Directors authority comes from State Statute not the Board, therefore the motion is out of order and no action can be taken.

Discussion and Possible Action to Rescind Resolution #70-18 adopted March 17, 2020: Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to rescind Resolution #70-18. A roll call vote was taken with five (5) Yes, and 12 (twelve) No, therefore motion failed, Ranum, Northhouse, Scallon, Keeney, Fry, Lieurance, Stead, Hood, Nelson, Beals, Beinborn and Splinter opposing.

CSB Facilities Policy: Joyce Roling, Personnel presented the CSB Facilities Policy. There were some changes to the policy to make it consistent with the Administration Building and Courthouse policy. The policy stated space heaters were prohibited but now will be allowed. Another change will be the temperature control and where the temperature will be set. Gary Ranum, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the CSB Facilities Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Sale of Law Enforcement Center: There were no responses submitted to the RFP proposal. Kwik Trip does have the right of first refusal on the property. Chairman Keeney asked what direction the board would like to proceed. Estimated cost to demolish the building were around $75,0000 to $125,000. Roger Guthrie, second by Mark Stead made a motion for Corporation Council and the County Board Chair to negotiate the sale with Kwik Trip. Motion carried by voice vote.

2022 Budget Workshop: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the 2022 budget. Degenhardt outlined a few major items that were included by departments. The budget reflects a 1% wage increase for employees starting January 1, 2022 and another 1% wage increase starting July 2022. This also
reflects an increase in the wage schedule for January 1, 2022 which drops the bottom two levels of the wage schedule and adds two to the top. The change was requested by multiple departments to assist with employee retention and recruitment. There is a 6.5% increase in health insurance premiums. There is also a change to the County’s contribution to the single plan health insurance participants. Changing the County portion to 15% from 5% to match other plans. There is also an increase in HRA contribution charged to each department to maintain sufficient fund balance. There is an estimated 5% increase in worker’s compensation. There is a decrease of 0.25% in general retirement rates and increase for protective of 0.25% in 2022. Estimated 1% increase in sales tax revenue over projected 2021 receipts and requested use of sales tax revenue carryover of $300,000. There is also an increase in shared revenue of $16,000 and increase of computer aid of $30. Departments expect to lapse $114,000 at the end of 2021. Departments also requested to use $200,000 from the farm fund which leaves approximately $80,000. Hospice carryover was utilized in the amount of $250,000 and $125,000 from the Highway Department capital outlay building account. The mileage reimbursement rate was changed to match the state rate instead of the federal rate due to funding source reimbursement concerns. There were also many capital projects that were removed from the budget. The 2022 budget still has a shortfall of $448,000. Gary Ranum, second by John Patcle made a motion to refer the budget back to the Executive Committee for further discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claims:** Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve two outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of $310. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:**
Administrative – Chairman Keeney advised the committee discussed the Grant County Storage Facility, the Veteran Services Office relocating to the vacated IT space and the redistricting plan. The committee also agreed to make Shane Drinkwater the project manager for the fiber optic project.
Ag/Extension – Pat Schroeder advised there was no update from the Ag/Extension Committee.
Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin – Grant County – Dale Hood advised there was no update from the ADRC Committee.
Board of Health – Carol Beals advised the committee discussed COVID, filling open position and hiring bonuses.
Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department – Mark Stead advised that CSZ director is working with Corporation Council regarding permit and citation issues. Bill Kletecka is the new Soil Conservationist.
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – CJCC – Gary Ranum reported that CJCC discussed sending out a survey. Approved the appointment of two new members.
Economic, Tourism and Resource – John Beinborn advised that the next meeting will be in Lancaster on October 27, 2021.
Executive – Gary Ranum advised the committee discussed the budget and upgrading of building policies.
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon advised that Hidden Valley had a few bad years but is doing well now.
Highway/DMATS – Donald Splinter advised that County Z has been paved. There is a possibility that some striping of the roads may be completed.
Land Information Council – Chairman Keeney advised the Land Information Council has elected Lynda Schweikert as the Land Information Officer. The Council is also working on updating the plan to submit to peers throughout the State before final submission.
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Roger Guthrie advised the next meeting is Monday.
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Chairman Keeney advised the committee met a few weeks ago to look over the plans that needed to be submitted to WEM.
Orchard Manor/County Farm – Donald Splinter advised Orchard Manor is having staff shortages.
Social Services Board – John Beinborn advised the committee will meet Wednesday.
Southwest Community Action Program (SWCAP) – Carol Beals advised SWCAP will meet again on the 4th Thursday.

Unified Community Services Board of Directors (UCS) – Gary Ranum advised that the budget was discussed and possibly changing the location of where the meetings will take place.

Veterans – Lester Jantzen advised the committee is pleased to be moving into a bigger office space.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission – Mike Lieurance advised the next meeting will be in Waunakee.

Recess until 1:00 p.m. for Public Hearing: John Patcle, second by Mark Stead made a motion to recess until 1:00 p.m. for public hearing. Motion carried by voice vote.

Convene to Public Hearing on Tentative Supervisory District Plan: Chairman Keeney called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvene to County Board Meeting: Porter Wagner, second by Don Splinter made a motion to reconvene to County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on Tentative Supervisory District Plan: Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to move forward with the version that was forwarded from the Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll Call was taken with sixteen (16) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Greg Fry, Pat Schroeder, Mike Lieurance, Mark Stead, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, Carol Beals, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Don Splinter and Porter Wagner. Bob Scallon was absent.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. John Patcle, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2021 with one correction. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney explained that the Board will be using the roll call tablet system for voting to speed up the process of the meeting.

There are two public hearings during the meeting. The public hearings will be to take action on the budget and redistricting.

The Phase 3 Communications Project continues to work toward land acquisition for the Preston Road site, Muscoda site and Boscobel site. Conduit is in the ground from Muscoda south on County Road G. Next it will be bored on Cass Hollow Road and Preston Road. Conduit has also been bored through Stitzer. In the next week the work will begin from Muscoda to Boscobel. Conduit is also in the ground for Platteville and the south loop back to CSB. As the contractor has time, they will blow the fiber that is on hand into the conduit.

Open Meeting is upgrading the roll call system, so in the future we will upgrade to the latest version of Open Meeting.

Chairman Keeney and Corporation Council have been involved with the opioid litigation. It has come to the action stage. In December there will be an action item in front of the Board.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney recognized Deb Noel for her 48 years of service to Orchard Manor.

**Appointment(s):** None
**Grants:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department presented the DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant to the Board. Carol Beals, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fred Naatz, Social Services presented the 2022 Targeted Safety Support Funds to the Board. John Beinborn, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fred Naatz, Social Services presented the Adult Protective Services Funding to the Board. Don Splinter, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**581st Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson presented the 581st Zoning Amendment filed by Addison Family LLC, Town of Wingville; Jace Properties LLC, Town of Jamestown; Joy Obriecht, Town of Jamestown; Tim and Carol Hinderman, Town of Jamestown and Koeller Dairy Real Estate Holdings LLC, Town of South Lancaster. Mark Stead, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG-CLOSE Southwest Opportunity Center Adult Daycare Facility Project:** Ron Brisbois presented the three bids that were opened Monday. Midwest Builders Inc. bid $122,265.00, Tricon Construction Group bid $168,000.00 and EPIC Construction bid $141,608.00. The project is within the funding that is available under the Close Program. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to accept the bid of Midwest Builders Inc. of $122,265 and to award that using CDBG-CLOSE funding that is available. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) Absent therefore motion passed.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Sale of Law Enforcement Center:** Chairman Keeney does not have anything to take action on at this meeting. Corporation Council and Chairman Keeney met with Kwik Trip and discussed the offer to purchase. One concern is the tower that is on the property. Some of the logistics of having the tower removed have been worked out. Action on an offer may need to be taken at the December meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action for purchase of Multi-Factor Authentication software for the County:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater. Drinkwater advised that Grant County’s insurance carrier notified the County that in order to retain Cyber Security Insurance for next year, the County needed to implement multi-factor authentication (MFA). The cost associated with getting the MFA up and running by the end of the year is $10,626.27. This includes the needed license upgrade and tokens. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to move forward with the out of budget spending allowing the IT Department to spend up to $10,626.27 for multi-factor authentication. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) Absent therefore motion carried.

**COVID-19 Update:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported 753 confirmed cases, 103 probable cases and 10 deaths since the October meeting. Grant County is averaging 14.3 cases per day. 30% are 18 and younger, 15% are 65 and older, 31.5% are under the age of 20, 15% are in their 20’s, 14.5% are in their 30’s, 10% are in their 40’s, 9% are in their 50’s, 9.5% are in their 60’s and 10 % are 70 or older.

Probable cases are averaging 4 per day. 23.2% are 18 and younger, 16.1% are 65 and older and 62.5% are in their 20’s or younger.
Since the meeting in October there have been 50 hospitalizations. There were no hospitalizations in individuals 18 and younger and 18 to 19 year olds. Most of the hospitalizations were 70 and older.

So far in November there have been 22 confirmed and probable breakthrough cases ranging from 136 to 279 days after completing the series. 82% were over 200 days. In October there were 150 total ranging from 23 to 266 days. 97% were over 100 days out and 48% were over 200 days from being fully vaccinated.

Testing is being offered at the former Shopko building Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to Noon. There is a contract that is under review to expand testing for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. That contract would offer rapid testing for a fee. The Health Department is encouraging schools to get rapid testing and PCR testing to help facilitate early release from quarantine and possibly a test to stay program in the future.

All three vaccines are available at the Health Department and at the former Shopko building by appointment. Contact the Health Department for appointments.

**Convene to Public Hearing for 2022 Budget:** John Patcle, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to convene to public hearing regarding the 2022 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director. Amanda Degenhardt presented the proposed 2022 budget for Grant County. In revenue sources, 59% come from program revenue, 25% from tax levy, 8% from sales tax and the remaining 8% percent will be shared revenue, fund balance, sales tax carryover and investment earnings.

The total budget expense is $52,206,695.00 which includes a wage increase of 1% on January 1, 2022 and 1% on July 3, 2022. The budget also includes a wage schedule change which adds two steps to the top of the schedule and drops off the bottom two steps. Health insurance premiums were increased by 6.5% and there was a need to increase the HRA contributions. Retirement contributions decreased for general employees by a quarter of a percent but increase a quarter percent for protective employees. There is a change in mileage rate proposed. Grant County currently pays the federal rate. The proposal is to change to the State rate to comply with funding issues for grants that are received. Worker’s Compensation has increase by about 5%.

**Reconvene to County Board Meeting:** John Patcle, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to reconvene to the Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adoption of the 2022 Budget:** Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding General Tax Levy:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the Resolution Regarding the General Tax Levy. Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the general tax levy. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Establishing Non-Represented Wages and Modifying Schedule for 2022:** Chairman Keeney presented the resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the
Resolution Establishing Non-Represented Wages and Modifying Schedule for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Establishing County Board Chair Salary for 2022:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the resolution. Mike Lieurance, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing the County Board Chair Salary for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), three (3) No (Fry, Schroeder and Hood) and one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding Mileage Reimbursement:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Mileage Reimbursement. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy Revision:** Chairman Keeney presented the policy revision. Gary Northouse, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2021, collectable in 2022:** Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Don Splinter, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2021, collectable in 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding the Investment of County Funds:** Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding the Investment of County Funds. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Orders:** Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Gary Northouse, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the resolution regarding county orders. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents of Grant and Iowa Counties:** Lori Reid, ADRC presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by Dale Hood made a motion to approve Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents of Grant and Iowa Counties. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Relating to Aging & Disabilities Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled:** Lori Reid, ADRC presented the resolution. Dale Hood, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution Relating to Aging & Disabilities Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Construction & Maintenance During the Calendar Year 2022:** Jon Knautz, Highway Department presented the resolution. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to
approve the Resolution Regarding County Construction & Maintenance During the Calendar Year 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Aid Bridge Construction:** Jon Knautz, Highway Department presented the resolution. John Patcle, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Aid Bridge Construction. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Towns:** John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Towns. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Villages:** Lester Jantzen, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Villages. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Cities:** Mark Stead, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Cities. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Dog Claim(s):** Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve two outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of $310. Motion carried by voice vote. The contract for the Grant County Humane Society concludes the end of this year, so there will need to be negotiations on a contract.

**Committee Reports:**
Administrative – Chairman Keeney advised the committee did not meet.
Ag & Extension – Pat Schroeder advised they would be meeting in January to discuss the 2022 Fair.
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin – Dale Hood advised there was a vacancy on the committee that has been filled.
Board of Health – Carol Beals advised the committee discussed COVID, applying for the DOT grant and temporary pay.
Conservation Sanitation and Zoning Department – Mark Stead advised that the Director is working with IT to upgrade the computers and DATCP has advised that Grant County has been allocated $123,295.00 towards staff and support and $64,500.00 towards cost sharing.
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Gary Ranum advised they did not meet.
Economic, Tourism and Resource – John Beinborn advised the annual meeting and election of officers will be held in December.
Executive – Gary Ranum advised that the committee discussed filling vacant positions, giving temporary pay and the resolutions discussed today.
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon was absent.
Highway/DMATS – Don Splinter advised the county crews have been preparing for winter and have an open position.
Orchard Manor/Farm – Don Splinter advised that the committee meets this week.
Land Information Council – Lynda Schweikert advised the council has been working on the Land Information Plan and grant application.
Law Enforcement & Emergency Management – John Beinborn advised EM will have an open position, FEMA will be reimbursing the County. For the Sheriff’s Office, the Chief Deputy has announced his retirement.
Local Emergency Planning Committee – The committee did not meet.
Social Services Board – John Beinborn advised there is no update.
Southwest Community Services Board of Directors – Carol Beals advised the vaccine project has moved from Grant County to Richland County.
Unified Community Services Board of Directors – Gary Ranum advised they received a report on the 2020 financial audit and reviewed some bylaws.
Veterans – Lester Jantzen advised the office has been busy and is enjoying the new space.
Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission – Mike Lieurance advised the river rail is doing maintenance on the tracks and replacing several of the older bridges.

**Convene to Public Hearing on the Final Supervisory District Plan:** John Patcle, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to convene to public hearing on the final supervisory district plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Reconvene to County Board Meeting:** Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene to the County Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Final Supervisory District Plan:** Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the tentative plan as the final supervisory district plan. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Ordinance #61 to Adopt County Supervisory District Plan for Grant County:** Tonya White, County Clerk explained that the ordinance describes the new supervisory districts. Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve and amend ordinance 61 to adopt the Grant County Supervisory District Plan. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll call was taken with seventeen (17) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Greg Fry, Pat Schroeder, Mike Lieurance, Mark Stead, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, Carol Beals, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Don Splinter and Porter Wagner.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda. John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting with two corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Opioid Settlement Agreement:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Attorney Phillips to give an overview of the settlement. Grant County was one of 71 counties to authorize the filing of a lawsuit in 2017. Since then, there have been thousands of other local governments join the action. The lawsuit was consolidated into the Multi District Litigation proceeding and with consolidation the case was divided into three segment; manufacturer’s segment, distributor’s segment and pharmacy segment. In Wisconsin, legislation was adopted this past summer that states the state of Wisconsin will be split 70% to the local governments that litigated in Wisconsin and 30% to the state. The allocation amount is $1.4 million dollars. The amount is paid out over time depending on the defendant.

- Opioid Litigation Q & A with Attorney Andy Phillips: Jeff Lockhart, UCS explained how the settlement will be used. Jeff discussed that the settlement may be used for treatment activities and prevention activities.
- Resolution No. 51-20, Authorizing Grant County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General: Carol Beals, second by John Beinborn made a motion to authorize Grant County to enter into the settlement agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Settlement Participation Form “Distributor Settlement”: Carol Beals, second by Don Splinter made a motion to enter into the distributor settlement. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.
- Settlement Participation Form “Janssen Settlement”: Roger Guthrie, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to enter into the settlement participation form Janssen settlement. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.
• Wisconsin State-Local Government Memorandum of Understanding: Pat Schroeder, second by Mark Stead made the motion to accept the Wisconsin State-Local Government Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried by voice vote.

• Wisconsin Local Government Memorandum of Understanding: Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to accept the Wisconsin Local Government Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Grant County Economic Development will be moving into two offices in the Youth and Ag Building.

Wisconsin DNR did approve the use of DNR property for snowmobile trails in Grant County.

Muscoda is applying for an EDA Grant to expand the industrial park. Chairman Keeney will be sending a letter of support in favor of that project.

An extension has been signed to co-locate in the Welcome Center south of Kieler.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney presented Don Parkins with a certificate for his 32 years of service to the Sheriff's Office.

Appointment(s): Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Ashley Dickman to CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Robert Scallon, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve Krogen’s Do It Best Store as DNR Fire Warden. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: Amy Olson, Fair Manager presented the Tourism Capital Grant offered through the Department of Administration to the Board. Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sheriff Dreckman presented a donation that was given to the Badger State Sheriff’s Association for protective gear in the amount of $30,000. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to accept the donation from Badger State Sheriff’s Association for protective gear for deputies. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lynda Schweikert presented the 2022 Wisconsin Land Information Plan Grant. Dwight Nelson, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2022-2024 Grant County Land Information Plan: Lynda Schweikert presented the Land Information Plan to the Board. Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the plan and submit to the State. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on CSZD Out of Budget Spending Request – Replacement of CSZD County Computers and Monitors: Lynda Schweikert presented the out of budget spending for County computers. The cost would include laptops, docking stations and larger monitors. CSZD does have $3000 in the budget to apply toward the cost, so the remaining balance needed from the general fund would be around $9820 depending on current prices. Greg Fry, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the out of budget spending request from the general fund in the amount of $9820 depending on current costs for replacement of CSZD County computers and monitors. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.
**Discussion and Possible Action on Funding for Treatment Court due to change in TAD Grant:** Kristin Schier presented the TAD Grant change. Grant County was awarded $119,572 which is $25,491 less than what was submitted. The approval of the 2022 CJCC Coordinator was $4791 so that can be applied toward the shortfall leaving around $20,000. Kristin is estimating that there will be $8,757 carryover from 2021 treatment courts that can be applied to the shortfall which leaves around $12,000. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to allow use of general fund to cover treatment court budget through the first quarter of 2022 not to exceed $5500 without further County Board action. A roll vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**RACOM Presentation on Phase 3 Radio Project:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to representatives from RACOM. The radio system will have five voice channels and fire paging. Coverage, out of date equipment and safety were the primary reasons for the new system. There is no redundancy built into the current system and parts have been purchased off e-bay. The next phase of the radio project will include four tower site locations prep, which will take around seven to nine months to complete. One tower site will need to be in Iowa to give the best coverage and each tower site will be an acre or less. The complete project will take three years in seven different phases. The cost will be $8.727 million.

**Discussion and Possible action on Initial Resolution Authorizing Promissory Note(s) for Public Safety Communications System Enhancement not to exceed $11,000,000:** Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the promissory note(s). A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Public Safety Communications – Phase 3 System Purchase Agreement with RACOM Corporation:** Chairman Keeney explained that Corporation Council, Sheriff Dreckman, Finance Director, IT Director and himself have reviewed the contract presented by RACOM. There are a few minor discrepancies that need to be addressed but the changes can be worked out. Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to move forward and enter into a purchase agreement with RACOM Corporation over Phase 3 Public Safety Communications. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action of Designation of Project Manager(s) for Communications System/Fiber Optic Loop:** The Law Enforcement Committee discussed having co-project managers of Shane Drinkwater and Sheriff Dreckman for the radio system and fiber optic loop project. Porter Wagner, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to appoint Shane Drinkwater, Sheriff Dreckman or their designees as co-project managers for the communications/fiber optic loop. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported that the current case average is 34.9 cases per day. There have been eight deaths, 1234 confirmed cases and 149 probable cases since the November meeting. Grant County is averaging 34.9 cases. 11% of the cases are 65 and older and 29.2% of the cases are 18 and younger. Probable cases are down to 2.6 cases per day. 29.7% of the probable cases are 18 and younger, 2.7% are 65 and older and 75% are in their 20’s or younger. With hospitalizations on the rise, hospitals are reporting difficulties with staffing and transporting patients to ICU beds.

Testing is being offered at the former Shopko building Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon. The National Guard will not be assisting with testing after January 7, 2022. The contract with a private contractor is almost complete and they will be able to expand the testing.
All three vaccines are available at the Health Department by appointment and Royce Hall on the UW Platteville campus starting January 13, 2022.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Easement and Property Sale to WI DOT:** The WI DOT would like to purchase a little over 0.3 of an acre behind guardrail on the west side of the Highway 129 intersection and also have a temporary limited easement driveway near Larry’s Welding. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the easement and property sale to WI DOT in the amount of $1000. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the sale of former Law Enforcement Center:** The offer to purchase from Kwik Trip will be for the entire jail building, the parking lot to the northeast corner and the small parking lot between Grant County property and Rita Turner’s house. The offer is for $125,000. Kwik Trip also made a contingency to allow up to $10,000 for the tower removal. The tower has already been removed. Mark Stead, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to authorize the County Clerk to sign all documents relating to the offer to purchase for the former Law Enforcement Center with Kwik Trip Corporation. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Closeout on Community Services Building:** The remaining invoice for Wiederholt Enterprise for $25,000 and Epic Construction for $750 which covers Zimmerman Design who submitted reports to the DNR for the burial of the 52 building. Gary Northouse, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve billing #34 for the closeout of the Community Services Building in the amount of $25,750. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Promoted or Transferred Employee policy revision:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the updated policy. Mike Lieurance, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the promoted or transferred employee policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 Grant County Humane Society Contract:** Chairman Keeney sent the proposed contract to the Humane Society. The Humane Society sent back a counter proposal with a change in fees. The Humane Society would like Grant County to set aside and budget for $100,000 a year. The statute allows Grant County to appoint a pound. When a contract was entered into in 2017, the remaining funds were designated back to the pound which was the Humane Society. Carol Soden from the Humane Society Board explained that the board has some opportunities to hopefully build a facility. They are looking at how to build a budget for the facility. The Humane Society Board was not aware of the County budgeting process. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to propose back to the Humane Society to sign a one-year contract at $160 per dog, leaving the balance of the contract alone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve one outstanding invoice to Grant County Humane Society in the amount of $155. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Due to the length of the meeting Committee Reports were waived.

**Adjournment:** Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on January 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll call was taken with thirteen (13) members present in the room: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Patrick Schroeder, Donald Splinter and Mark Stead. Present virtually one (1) member: Greg Fry. Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon and Porter Wagner asked to be excused.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney gave an update on the opioid litigation. J&J may frontload the payment but the balance could be from seven to nineteen years before paid out. WCA is working on an option to secure the payments. They do recommend that the board segregate those funds so they are used for opioid issues.

Shane Drinkwater gave an update on the fiber project. There are five crews finishing up the fiber installation. They are in the process of splicing where the two cables would meet. Spools of conduit are arriving and being housed at the Lippert site. Purchasing handholds is still an issue. Soon microfiber will be blown in along Highway 129 to complete the circuit.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the towers and radio project. There are three landowners that have yet to sign the letter of intent. The Sheriff has been working on those projects. Preliminary plans have been done for the Platteville, Muscoda, Boscobel and Fennimore towers. Edge Engineering is working on surveying the other properties. The line of credit has been secured and the 20% down payment of the contract has been paid.

Chairman Keeney advised that Youth Government Day has been set up for April 13, 2022. Mike Lieurance has been the lead on setting up Government Day. Mike explained that this year there will be two stops instead of three for the morning session. The stops will be the Administration Building and the Community Services Building. In the afternoon, the students will be able to watch a trial.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney recognized Jay Fitzgerald for his 30 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Mary Bailie for her 32 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Rita White for her 36 years of service.
**Appointment(s):** Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Jeff Lockhart as the Agency Director of Unified Community Services. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lester Jantzen, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to appoint Dave Peterson to the Veteran’s Service Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to reappoint Aaron Olson and Doctor Jacob Hiatt to CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grant(s):** Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor presented the West Bend Safe Resident Assistance Grant. Don Splinter, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. There has been a decrease in cases. There have been 23.9 confirmed cases in the past 14 days. Of the cases, in the last 14 days, 4 were less than one-year-old and 13 were less than four-year-old. 65 and older has trended up a little bit in the last 14 days. Probable cases have decreased also. There have been 4.9 probable cases in the last 14 days. In 2022, there have been 35 hospitalizations so far. Over half the hospitalizations are under the age of 60.

Testing hours have expanded since the last Board meeting. COVID Clinic is a private contractor that is testing at the former Shopko building. Testing is now being done Monday through Saturday. Friday’s clinic is run by Emergency Management. If an individual uses the COVID Clinic there is no fee if you have been exposed or are symptomatic. The COVID Clinic does have access to rapid testing but there will be a fee. The COVID Clinic does ask individuals to register online. UW-Platteville is also offering testing during the week. There are some pharmacies and schools offering testing as well.

50.9% of residents in Grant County have completed the series. Vaccinations for six-month-old to four-year-old will be delayed until at least April. Vaccinations are available at the Health Department during the week days. The Health Department does prefer that individuals call ahead for availability. UW-Platteville has a vaccination clinic on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also some pharmacies, clinics and hospitals that are offering vaccinations.

**582nd Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson presented the 582nd Zoning Amendments filed by Hunter Peterson in Town of Watterstown, Trapper Brown in Town of Watterstown and Kruser Construction, LLC in Town of Jamestown. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the 582nd Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes.

**Amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance:** Justin Johnson presented the amendment to Chapter 3.02(6)(b). The amendment would apply to all zoned townships in Grant County. The amendment would require a conditional use permit going through the township first. That allows the township the ability to put conditions on the proposal and then forward to the CSZD Committee for public hearing. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to postpone the Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance until the March meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of Budget spending for HR, Payroll, Timekeeping, and Financial Package Software:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Amanda Degenhardt, Shane
Drinkwater and Joyce Roling who gave a presentation on the software. Pat Schroeder, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the purchase of the Tyler Munis HR/Payroll/Financial/Timekeeping package with the implementation cost of $280,170 to be used with ARPA funds and out of budget spending for the first year at $130,758. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, two (2) No (Fry and Hood) and three (3) excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of Budget spending for Fiber Optic loop routers and transceivers using ARPA funding:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater who presented the request to purchase ten routers with the needed licenses, 52 optical 10 Gbps 40 Km Bidi optics and 28 copper 1 Gbps for a total of $221,373. Mark Stead, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for Fiber Optic loop routers and transceivers using ARPA funding in the amount of $221,373. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for a WiscNet Connection using ARPA funding:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater who presented the request for the WiscNet connection in Platteville. Gary Ranum, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the one-time cost of $7,000 of ARPA funds for the WiscNet connection which includes the router and connection costs. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the renewal, extension, and/or execution of a promissory note of the existing communications project line of credit of $1,200,000 for an additional year to extend the maturity of the loan from March 24, 2022, to March 24, 2023, as a general obligation of the county:** This is the current line of credit with Royal Bank that was put into place to fund the first tower. In 2023, this will be rolled into a new line of credit with Royal Bank. Don Splinter, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the renewal, extension, and/or execution of a promissory note of the existing communications project line of credit of $1,200,000 for an additional year to extend the maturity of the loan from March 24, 2022 to March 24, 2023 as a general obligation of the county. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution establishing Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026:** Joyce Roling presented the resolution for the Elected Officials Salaries for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner to the Board. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to approve the resolution establishing Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026. A roll call vote was taken with eleven (11) Yes, three (3) No (Fry, Nelson and Beinborn), and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

**Convene to Public Hearing on Amended Supervisory District Plan:** John Patcle, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to convene to public hearing. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to County Clerk, Tonya White. White explained that the City of Boscobel had to redo their ward/aldermanic districts so there will be a slight adjustment in the County Supervisory Plan. The area that has been adjusted will not affect the election or population. All of ward 2 will now be in Supervisor District 1.

**Reconvene to County Board Meeting:** John Patcle, second by John Beinborn made a motion to reconvene to County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
Discussion and Possible Action on Amended Supervisory District Plan: Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the amended supervisory district plan. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Ordinance #61 to Adopt County Supervisor District Plan for Grant County: Don Splinter, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the amended ordinance #61. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve two outstanding invoices for 2021 to Grant County Humane Society in the amount of $310. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Due to the length of the meeting Committee Reports were waived.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.
The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

Roll call was taken with sixteen (16) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Bob Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Greg Fry, Pat Schroeder, Mark Stead, Dale Hood, Carol Beals, Dwight Nelson, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Don Splinter and Porter Wagner. Present virtually one (1) member: Mike Lieurance who joined at 10:30 a.m.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Bob Scallon, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney introduced Erik Heagle as the Administrator for Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning.

The Opioid Settlement is getting closer. The first round of funding could be delivered as soon as May 2022. Additional funds are expected to be received July 2022. Chairman Keeney advised that Grant County should consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee or a Task Force.

For the April County Board meeting, Chairman Keeney is asking department heads to attend the April meeting to give a brief presentation on their department and responsibilities of their committee.

Tyler Munis is having a kick off meeting Thursday morning with Amanda Degenhardt, Shane Drinkwater, Joyce Roling and Chairman Keeney.

Wisconsin State Highway Association have recognized Mark Stead, John Patcle and Dwight Nelson for their dedication to the committee.

Chairman Keeney thanked the retiring members for the years of service and cooperation.

Supervisor Stead also spoke about this being the last meeting for several Supervisors.

April 21, 2022 Brad Gingras will be speaking on Communication Strategies and on Generations.
Memoriam for Ambrose Margan: Chairman Keeney read the resolution for Ambrose Margan.

RESOLUTION #64-20
IN MEMORIAM OF AMBROSE MARGAN

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 15th day of March, 2022 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Ambrose Margan from the Town of Harrison, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Ambrose Margan served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1984 to April 2002 representing the Town of Harrison;

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Ambrose Margan and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chairman
/s/ Tonya White, Grant County Clerk

Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Ambrose Margan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Bruce Clauer for his 22 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Jack Johnson for his 34 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Larry Kirschbaum for his 40 years of service.

Appointments(s): There are no appointments.

Grants: There are no grants.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. In the past 14 days there has been a significant reduction in confirmed cases. Grant County is averaging 4.2 confirmed cases per day. 15.3% are 18 and younger, 35.6% are 20’s and younger, 5.1% in their 30’s, 16.9% in their 40’s, 13.6% in their 50’s and 27.1% 65 and older. For probable cases in the past 14 days they have been almost nonexistent. Hospitalizations have been significantly less with only two children and a few others in all age ranges.

Testing has dropped off quite a bit at the public sites. Testing is being offered at Shopko Monday through Saturday. Registration is done online through COVID Clinic. Friday’s clinic is run by Emergency Management and there is no qualification for testing on Friday’s. UW-Platteville is still doing testing at
Hugunin Hall. The testing will probably continue into April. Some schools have contracted with the State to do testing. There is a lot of home testing that is being done.

In Grant County 48.2% of residents have completed the vaccination series and 27% of residence have been boosted. Vaccination is available at the Health Department, some pharmacies, clinics and hospitals. There is a spring break clinic scheduled at the old Shopko building from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 18th, 24th, and 31st. Unfortunately, there is a lot of waste currently throughout the Counties and State since the vials are not single dose. The Grant County Health Department is limiting ordering and scheduling as much as possible to limit the amount of waste.

Amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance: Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the amendment to Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Delta 3 Engineering has been working with a client to create lots for residential development off of a private road. Section 3.02(6)(b) caps the number of single-family residences at four and the number of lots being proposed would exceed that cap. Delta 3 Engineering applied to amend the zoning ordinance to offer more than four single family residence being served by a private road. This information was sent to the townships, Highway Department, Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Management and there were no public comments received before the public hearing. After the public hearing, there was concern from the Town of Jamestown. If this was to be approved the applicant would also need to apply for a conditional use permit which allows the township to impose conditions on the proposal. There would also need to be a private road maintenance agreement and home owner’s association as conditions of the proposal. This amendment would apply to all zoned townships in Grant County. Porter Wagner, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b). Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2018 Tax Roll (2019 Tax Certificates): Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the annual resolution. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2018 Tax Roll (2019 Tax Certificate). A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing Amounts at December 31, 2021 and Amending the 2022 Budget: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the annual resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing amounts at December 31, 2021 and amend the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing the sale of a $6,250,000 General Obligation Promissory Note: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. This is the next step in a resolution that was approved by the County Board at the December 21, 2021 meeting to borrow up to $11,000,000 for Phase 3 communications tower project. This would be an addition to the line of credit that was taken for the invoice to RACOM. The remaining amount will be borrowed in 2023. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the sale of a $6,250,000 General Obligation Promissory Note. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.
Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for the fiber optic loop goals for 2022 using ARPA funding: Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the fiber optics loop goals for 2022 using ARPA funding. The fiber optic project will start in Platteville and work clockwise around the county. The cost per mile goes up quite a bit if there is any boring or going through rock. The first path will start at the Platteville Airport to the South Green Field site. The cost associated with that run will be $424,238. The next path will be from the South Green Field to Potosi tower site. This path does have very difficult with the amount of rock. The cost associated with that run will be $768,235.50. The next path will be from the Potosi tower site to Cassville. The cost associated that run will be $626,528.20. The next path will be from Cassville to the West Green Field site. For a short time, the two paths do run next to each other. To minimize the risk of a fiber being cut there will be a fiber on the north side of the road and one on the south side of the road. The cost associated with that run will be $562,361.90. The next path will be from the West Green Field site to the Bloomington Fairgrounds. The cost associated with that path will be $346,854.40. The next path will be from the Bloomington Fairgrounds to Millville. The cost associated with that path will be $669,186.10. The last path for 2022 will be from Millville to Boscobel. The cost associated with that path will be $670,519. After that leg is complete there will be a fully formed loop. There was also a path done in 2021 for an entity that wants to connect to Richland. This spur was done in Muscoda to an interchange near the river. The cost associated with that spur was $50,568.70. The total for the 2022 fiber optics project spanning 99.62 miles is $4,118,491.80. Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the fiber optic loop goals using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for fiber optic supplies using ARPA funding: Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the fiber optic supplies that are needed. The items needed are splice trays, pig tales, splice tray holder, Panduit 6 port panel LC duplex and Panduit FWME8. The cost associated with the supplies needed is $16,210.40.

Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the tower site project. There will be a meeting with the State on the Hill Road site. That site is currently owned by Fish and Wildlife. Grant County and the State of Wisconsin currently have equipment on the tower on Hill Road. The site designs are being worked on for Platteville, Fennimore, Muscoda and Boscobel. As well as preliminary drawings for Bloomington and the West Green Field site. Inflationary costs have been noticed but it has been within the contingency. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the fiber optic supplies using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

New Employee Wage Placement – policy revision: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the policy revision. This allows the department head and the Personnel Director the discretion to adjust the wage schedule for a new hire. The Health Department and Orchard Manor have been approved for this for hiring nurses. This is requested by Sheriff Dreckman for approval to start the non-reps with the decision of the personnel director and determine the hire rate not to exceed step 5 based on the knowledge, skills, abilities and internal equity. Gary Ranum, second by Don Splinter made the motion to approve the New Employee Wage Placement policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes.

Discussion on Amended Rules of the Grant County Board of Supervisors: The Administrative Committee made a few adjustments at their last meeting regarding the rules. The Board of Health does occasionally have a hard time meeting a quorum, so having Zoom option is helpful. Corporation Counsel explained that quorum means to be able to operate business, not whether your vote is counted or a supervisor receive the per diem. Corporation Counsel stated that Article 1 is only dealing with the
County Board meeting not committee meetings which has its own section of the rules. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to adopt all the rules as amended. A roll call vote was requested with fifteen (15) Yes, two (2) No (Fry and Beinborn), therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on participation in meetings using electronic means:** Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to allow participation via Zoom for all meeting to save the mileage. Corporation Counsel pointed out that the rules would not be relevant because there would never be a quorum. Pat Schroeder and Gary Ranum withdrew the motion and second from the floor. Corporation Counsel will update the policy so committees are allowed to use Zoom. John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to postpone action on the participation in meetings using electronic means, until Corporation Counsel can draft new language. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the one outstanding invoice in the amount of $160. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to suspend committee reports due to the length of the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.:** Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for reorganization of the Grant County Board. Motion carried by voice vote.