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Grant County Board of Supervisors  
April 18, 2023  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

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, Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Robert Scallon and Adam Day asked to be excused. Brandon Snyder was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked to remove item 13, the Tourism Council Presentation and item 18, there are no dog claims. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the agenda with those two deletions. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Beinborn, second by Elias Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney advised that the Grant County Transportation Public Forum will be held today at the Community Services Building.

Tony Hoffman will be speaking about mental health. The presentation will be at the Dodgeville High School tomorrow afternoon.

Chairman Keeney advised that the Grant County Fairest of the Fair and Junior Fairest will be held at the Youth & Ag Building Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. social and 6:30 p.m. for the crowning. There are five candidates for the Junior and one candidate for the Fairest.

The American Legion presented a plaque to Grant County in appreciation for years of support to veterans and the American Legion organization. Chairman Keeney also recognized Mike Lieurance and the other Legionnaires who helped with Youth Government Day which was held Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

WCA Annual Conference will be September 17-19 in Sauk County. Room reservations open May 1 so let Tonya know if you plan to attend so she can reserve a room.

Chairman Keeney thanked those Supervisors that were at the staff appreciation cookout last week for the Highway Department and Fair/Extension staff. This week will be at CSB and Orchard Manor. Next week will be CSZD, Unified, Courthouse and Administration Building.

**Election to fill expired terms on Department of Social Services Board:** Chairman Keeney opened nominations for the expired terms. Patrick Schroeder, second by John Beinborn nominated Donald Splinter and Adam Day. Chairman Keeney asked three times for nominations. Patrick Schroeder, second

by John Beinborn made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Donald Splinter and Adam Day. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Appointment(s):**

Board of Adjustment – Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve Jay Adams to the board and David Reuter as an alternate to the board. Motion carried by voice vote.

CJCC- Gary Ranum, second by Elias Cox made a motion to approve Aaron Olson as the school representative. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit – Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Gary Ranum. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the DRA grant in the amount of \$50,000. Roger Guthrie, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the Orchard Manor grant application to Dubuque Racing Association. Motion carried by voice vote.

**593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment for Sertle Enterprises LLC in Town of Platteville, Woodland Terrace MHC LLC in Town of Platteville and Tory and Lisa Henkel in Town of Liberty. Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the 593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communications Project:** Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the communications tower project. The punch list is being created for the Muscoda, Boscobel, Fennimore and Platteville sites. The other six sites are still a work in progress. All but one of those sites have been locked in with land acquisition. The Cassville site has been challenging. As new squad cars are being changed over, new mobile radios are being installed. The current system is up and down and they are doing what they can to get by until the new system is up and running. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director gave an update on the fiber optics project. Conduit is being buried throughout the County. The run between Dickeyville and Potosi is almost complete. A possible new path to the brewery has been determined for the Potosi run. Once the Potosi run is complete, then the run to Cassville will take place. The shelters at Boscobel, Muscoda and Fennimore will soon be in use.

**Public Hearing on Grant County Library Plan of Library Services:** Chairman Keeney opened the public hearing for the Grant County Library Plan. Jessie Lee-Jones presented the Library plan. The plan will be for five years with an increase of one percent each year. The pay is based off actual usage. Grant County is required to pay 70% to the Library for usage in areas where there is not a library. Chairman Keeney closed the public hearing on the Grant County Library Plan.

**Discussion and possible action on Grant County Library Plan for Library Services:** Carol Beals, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the five-year Grant County Library Plan with a one percent increase each year. A roll call vote was taken with ten (10) Yes, one (1) did not vote (Nelson), three (3) No (Ranum, Schroeder and Cox) and three (3) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on tax deed property 066-00442-0000:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the request to sell the tax deed property. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the sale per Grant County Ordinance. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Non-represented pay policy revision:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the pay policy revision. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the pay policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Request for market review of wage schedules: \$25,000 using ARPA funds:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the market review. Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the market review of wage schedules using ARPA funds to cover the expense up to \$25,000. A roll call vote was taken with four (4) Yes (Ranum, Northouse, Beals, Nelson), ten (10) No and three (3) absent. Therefore, motion failed.

**Committee Reports:** ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.  
Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.  
CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.  
Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.  
Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Highway – Don Splinter gave a report.  
Social Services – Don Splinter gave a report.  
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Gary Northouse gave a report.  
Orchard Manor – Elias Cox gave a report.  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Railroad Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.

**Adjournment:** Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn to May 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Roll Call was taken with sixteen (16) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Porter Wagner, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: Brandon Snyder. Chairman Keeney asked the Board for approval for Brandon Snyder to participate by Zoom per Board rules. Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to deny participation. Chairman Keeney clarified the motion; a yes vote is to deny Zoom participation. Carol Beals asked for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken with nine (9) Yes (Northouse, Guthrie, Mumm, Day, Schroeder, Cox, Kopp, Wagner and Lucey and six (6) No (Ranum, Scallon, Beals, Nelson, Beinborn and Splinter) and two (2) Abstain (Keeney and Snyder) therefore motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Donald Splinter, second John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minute:** Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney announced that the bread in the back of the room was from Sinsinawa Dominicans.

This week is National Police Week. Grant County has a memorial planned at CSB for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Noon. The Sheriff welcomes anyone to attend.

COMET training will be held at Grant Regional Health Center this afternoon.

**Grant County Tourism Council Presentation:** James Schneider and Amy Olson gave a presentation on the Tourism Council. The organization is made up of volunteers who meet ten times a year. The Tourism Council website has tourism and events listed. The Tourism Council sent a guide to each household in Grant County. New things are coming with a bicycle route along the Mississippi River.

**Appointment(s):** There were no appointments.

**Grants:** Fred Naatz, Social Services Director presented a grant to support foster parents in Grant County. There is no local match. Robert Scallon, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Election to fill vacancy on Social Services Board:** Adam Day nominated Gary Ranum. Don Splinter nominated Kathy Kopp. Kathy Kopp withdrew the nomination. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Ranum to fill the one-year vacancy on Social Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

**594<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the 594<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for Glass & Myers Land LLC in Town of Ellenboro. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the 594<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Ordinance Amendment request to Chapter 315 Section 3.23(3)(a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance:** Two Kieler residents are applying for zoning permits. To be eligible for a zoning permit the current structures or homes need to meet all the setbacks. The setbacks are to the center of the road, property lines and vision corner. The homes are in the vision corner so they are not considered eligible for a zoning permit. The current ordinance is stricter than the DOT standards. The proposed amendment would align with current DOT standards. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Beals).

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Shane Drinkwater did not have any updates on the fiber optic portion of the project. Sheriff Dreckman advised that they inspected the four sites. They are still working on finding a location for the Cassville tower site.

**Unified Community Services request to use \$30,000 from General Fund for Institute Supplement**

**Payment:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the request. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Scallon) and one (1) Absent (Snyder) therefore motion carried.

**Vacation policy revision:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the policy revision. Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the vacation policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$960 for six dogs to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Administrative – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

Ag Extension & Fair – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.

CJCC – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.

Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Adam Day gave a report.

Library – Elias Cox advised that the committee did not meet this month.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Elias Cox gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Railroad – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Veteran's – Gary Ranum advised the next meeting is in June.

Porter Wagner thanked everyone who helped with the employee appreciation cookouts.

**Discussion on June County Board meeting:** It was determined that the June 20, 2023 meeting will be contingent on any items that may need action taken on.

**Adjournment:** John Beinborn, second by Adam Day made a motion to adjourn until June 20, 2023 contingent on any action items. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors

June 20, 2023

Youth & Agriculture Building

916 E Elm Street, South Room

Lancaster, WI 53813

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 Deputy County Clerk, Karla Schwantes to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. Schwantes verified

the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with thirteen (13) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Carol Beals, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Porter Wagner, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member; Elias Cox. Joe Mumm and Diane Nelson were excused. Brandon Snyder was absent. Chairman Keeney asked the Board for approval for Elias Cox to participate by Zoom per Board Rules. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp motioned to allow Elias to participate via zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Agenda:** Donald Splinter, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Thank you for allowing the County Board meeting to relocate to the Youth & Ag Building; Tyler Munis training was scheduled in the board room in the Administration Building under the assumption there would not be a County Board meeting.

Please turn in your signed "Acknowledgement of Conduct and Dispute Resolution Policies." These policies were adopted in 2011 and had not been signed by the current County Board.

Letter received acknowledging Grant County Child Support Agency being recognized by the Federal fiscal year 2022 Participation Certificate of Excellence.

Information only; Steve Wetter has resigned from the Lower Wisconsin River Way Board, Bob Carey has offered to fulfill Steve's term through the end of year. Bob submitted a letter to the Governor for action on this appointment.

Amy Olson proudly announced that Grant County's Direct Visitor Spending increased by 17.3% from 2021 to 2022 for tourism. This is a higher percent compare to the entire State of Wisconsin's 15.7%.

Grant County Fair dates are August 16-20. Please take some brochures, posters and counter displays back to your communities. New entertainment this year on the dirt track will be Motorcycle Supercross Racing, admissions to the grandstand have raised to \$15.00. Wood carver returning and some new music. Gate admission is \$5.00 from 9 AM-4PM; 8 and under FREE.

**Appointment:** Veterans Service commission had James Knautz resign; Ken McAndrew is recommending Lester Jantzen to fill in this spot. Motion by Gary Ranum, second by Donald Splinter to approve this appointment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Nate Dreckman present a \$2,000.00 grant from WE Energies Foundation for equipment (ear pieces for new portable radios); no matching. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp motioned to approve this grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**595<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD presented the 595<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for Brandon Reese in Town of Jamestown, John & Kelly Jansen in Town of Jamestown, Jerry Allen in Town of Liberty and

Pelky's Midway LLC in Town of Potosi. Porter Wagner, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the 595<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Shane reported we are continuing our fiber optic 2023 goals. Having some issues with the fiber location service, IT is in the process of verifying that their maps are in sync with our maps in regards to location; will be working on this in the coming week. Four sites in the punch list being conducted this week, HVAC soon to be turned on. Spending considerable time on the Cassville location. Locations good in Bloomington, Potosi, Bagley, Southern district and Millville. More building permit applications to be conducted.

**Cassville Tower Site:** Administrative committee put out an Offer to Purchase property for the tower site; land owner did not respond for 10-11 days, therefore the offer to purchase was not fully executed within the 7 days requested to respond. Bob, Nate and Shane have attended meetings with the Village of Cassville; still no firm location for this town site. No action at this time.

Pat Schroeder left the meeting.

**Out of Budget Spending:** Amanda presented a request to purchase the Tyler Munis Employee Expense Reimbursement module; utilize \$6,000 from ARPA and \$2,916 first year annual fees from the General Fund. Gary Ranum, second Carol Beals made a motion to approve this out of budget spending. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Electronic Meeting Participation:** Chair Keeney quoted the motion from Administration Committee "ask that participation at all meetings be requested and approved by the remainder of the quorum at the meeting with the camera on." The question before the County Board is, do we continue to offer the zoom for convenience of the public to monitor the meetings? John Beinborn pointed out this policy was established to be certain a quorum was met at meetings; but not to be utilized on a regular basis. The policy was adopted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lori Reid voiced the opinion that her committee may have problems achieving a quorum during bad weather due to the size of Grant County. Corporation Counsel offered his interpretation of this policy was the intent to not allow participation if the member has habitually been absent. Carol Beals motioned to remove the word "committee" in two locations within the policy; should only refer to the full County Board meetings, second by Gary Northouse. Ben questioned if the committees were at the discretion of having the meeting via zoom may open up discrimination potential. Discussion continued. Should this be referred back to Administrative Committee to then be brought back to the Full County Board? Motion was restated; "Rules for participation at Grant County Board of Supervisors meetings" and remove the word "committee" in the two locations paragraph C & H. Gary Northouse asked if he could rescind his second to the motion. John Beinborn then second Carol's motion. Ben asked if the policy had already been discussed during this legislative session. Roger questioned when this policy was adopted as the Board rule is not to revisit a policy during the same legislative session. Would action be breaking our own rule? During discussion, County Board Chair researched to find that previous action was for policy adoption at the April 15, 2022 meeting which was the Board's initial meeting of this legislative session. No action was taken on the motion. Discussion at Committee level will continue so the Policy can be brought back after April election 2024.

**Dog Claim(s):** Motion by Roger Guthrie, second by Adam Day to approve paying \$320.00 dog claims. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Motion by Roger Guthrie to forgo committee reports, second by Gary Ranum. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourn until July 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Approval of Agenda:** Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kathy Kopp, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney thanked all the volunteers and sponsors for Rural Safety Day that was held June 13, 2023.

Registration is due to the County Clerk's Office this week for WCA Conference in September.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney recognized Marla Thill for her 36 years of service.

**Appointment(s):** Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Mark Stead to the ADRC Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** 2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope Subgrant – Tonya White, County Clerk presented the grant request. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lancaster Community Fund – lighting of Nelson Dewey statue, Veterans Memorial Monument and the flag pole grant. Dave Peterson presented the grant that was given to the Historical Society for the lighting and new flag poles for the courthouse yard.

**596<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 596<sup>th</sup> Amendment for John & Leanna Gingerich in Town of Clifton and Rock Church Cemetery Association & Larry Klaas in Town of Clifton. Porter Wagner, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the 596<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Legislative Update from Molly Bohn, Field Representative for Congressman Van Orden:** Molly Bohn explained how the Congressman's office can help with federal agency issues. Molly also holds public office hours around Grant County. Molly also gave an update on what Congressman Van Orden has been involved with in each committee.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised the Board that they are still working on the Cassville tower site. The civil bids package is being worked on for five of the six sites; with the understanding that the Cassville site will need to be added. They are currently having issues with the current radio system. Shane Drinkwater stated that Information Technology is starting the preparation of installation of communication equipment for the tower sites that have been constructed. Information Technology is currently burning in the equipment to make sure that the equipment is stable. Then IT will configure the equipment and deploy it to the proper tower site and start lighting up the fiber optics. IT is also testing new equipment to help support public WIFI. The Village of Potosi will be having a public hearing on August 14, 2023 for Conditional Use Permit and the height variance that is needed for the Potosi tower site. The Town of Potosi will allow access through their property to the tower site.

**Sale of Tax Deeds Parcel #054-00740-0020:** Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the request. Porter Wagner, second Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the sale of tax deed parcel #054-00740-0020. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Policy Revisions:** Joyce Roling presented the policy revisions. Carol Beals, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the Bereavement Leave policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Northouse, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the Day After Thanksgiving as a County paid holiday. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on request for market review of wage schedules using \$25,000 from ARPA Funds:** Chairman Keeney explained that the scope on the request has been tightened up a bit. Chairman Keeney further explain that having the market review done would give a baseline on wages. Carol Beals, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the market review of wage schedules of \$25,000 using ARPA funds. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, two (2) No (Scallon and Lucey), one (1) excused and one (1) absent therefore motion carried.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$160 for one dog to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Report:** Administrative – Nothing to report.  
Ag, Extension & Fair – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.  
ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.  
CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.  
Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Nothing to report.  
Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.  
Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.  
Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.  
CJCC – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
WI River Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon gave a report.

**Adjournment:** Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn until August 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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**Approval of Agenda:** Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Beinborn, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 minutes with one change. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney read a letter of commendation from Judge Day for the Maintenance Department. Chairman Keeney read a letter of commendation for the IT staff from the Circuit Court Judges.

Chairman Keeney explained that there is a vacancy in District 9, District 12 and District 13.

Chairman Keeney reminded the Board that it is Fair Week and the Fair Board appreciates all the volunteers.

**Action to fill vacancy of County Board District 12 Supervisor:** Kathy Kopp resigned Monday, August 14, 2023. Kopp will be moving into District 12. Carol Beals, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to

appoint Kathy Kopp to Supervisor District 12 of the Grant County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Appointment(s):** Chairman Keeney advised the Board that there are currently four Grant County vacancies on Unified Community Services Board. Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Janelle Carrol to the Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** There were no grant.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney and Sheriff Dreckman attended the Potosi public hearing. All variances were approved at the public hearing. The Village of Cassville has approved the tower site to be at the fire station. All of the sites have now been locked in. There will be a public hearing for the USDA grant. The four sites that are built have had the towers climbed and inspected. Three have fiber hooked up. Four of the eleven routers have been fired up and are currently being cabled. Once the configurations are verified, the routers will be deployed to the tower sites.

The current radio system is aging quickly. RACOM went out to every sight to fine tune the current system. IT is looking for ways to support the legacy system with the new fiber optics.

**597<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 597<sup>th</sup> Amendment for Silas & Julie Montgomery in the Town of Liberty, Delton Horst in the Town of Fennimore and William & Ruth Rotramel in the Town of Liberty. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the 597<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Farmland Preservation Plan:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the Farmland Preservation Plan. The plan can be used to guide conservation and preservation efforts. The first plan was adopted in 2010 and needs to be updated every ten years. The information in the plan is natural history, maps, soils, water, environmental preservation, ag and ag infrastructure, statistics, municipal expansion and housing. Municipalities were involved in the process of updating the information. Major changes from the previous plan were census data, updating maps, adding information on renewable energy projects and grammatical changes. Joseph Mumm, second by Adam Day made a motion to adopt the Farmland Preservation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Ellen Tyler from SWWRPC presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan assesses hazards relevant to the community and it identifies opportunities to reduce the risk of harm from those hazards. The plan is required by FEMA in order to be eligible for certain funding. The plan gives background information and has several maps. While preparing the plan, climate change, natural hazards and vulnerable population were looked at. Each municipality has their own map within the plan. Input was gathered from several stakeholders such as, school districts, UW Platteville, SWTC and every municipality in the county. The plan has been approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

**SWWRPC Annual Presentation:** Troy Maggied, SWWRPC Director gave a yearly update. They serve in capacity building, Economic Development and planning. They have been involved with Regional Revolving Loan Funds, Mainstreet Bounceback Grants and working with US Economic Administration.

They have done workforce and housing studies, along with assisting in strategic planning. For the next year, SWWRPC will be focusing on housing development and climate change.

**Transit Plan:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director and Jaclyn Essandoh, SWWRPC presented the transit plan to the Board. The plan is needed in order to apply for grants. The plan includes transportation services within the county and general public. There was great representation at the public hearing for the plan. The biggest change to the plan is filling in gaps and goals. There is a need for more volunteers and education for the municipalities of the provided transportation. John Beinborn, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the transit plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on IWT letter/resolution:** Patrick Schroeder presented the draft letter that CSZD Committee forwarded on to the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to proceed with having Corporation Counsel clean up the language in the letter and bring back to a future meeting for discussion and possible action. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Roger Guthrie, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to forego committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Gary Northouse, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to adjourn to October 3, 2023. Motion carried with two negative votes.

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Lancaster, WI 53813

The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse and on the website.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room and two (2) vacancies: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Adam Day asked to be excused.

**Approval of Amended Agenda:** Donald Splinter, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney made the Board aware that Wisconsin Counties County Ambassador Program will be held October 18, 2023. Issues to be discussed will be out soon.

Chairman Keeney received a letter regarding a public notice for an air pollution control permit application. The notice is for AY McDonald, which will be located in the annexed portion of the Village of Dickeyville.

Chairman Keeney explained information he received from Pattern Energy. Pattern Energy is working on two - 300 megawatt wind projects which will make up Uplands Wind in Grant, Lafayette and Iowa Counties.

The worker adjustment and retraining act letter was received regarding the closure of the Energizer plant at the end of the year.

Chairman Keeney also reminded the Board that they all signed the Board Code of Conduct and are expected to abide by the policy.

**Action to fill vacancy of County Board District 9 Supervisor:** Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Rick Sanson to fill the vacancy of District 9. Motion carried by voice vote. Corporation Counsel gave the Oath of Office.

**Appointments:** Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to appoint Steve Adrian to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Joseph Mumm, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to appoint Larry Jerrett as the Citizen Engaged in Ag Use on the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Porter Wagner, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Dawn Kendrick and Steve Obershaw as citizen members to the Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Donald Splinter, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to appoint John Beinborn as the Grant County Board of Supervisors member to Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Porter Wagner, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Dr. Richard Dhyanchand to the Board of Health. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** There were no grants.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on finalizing the sites in Cassville and Potosi. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director gave an update on the fiber optics portion of the project. RACOM would like to schedule placing the IT equipment at the tower sites of Fennimore, Boscobel, Muscoda and Platteville. They will also be installing IT equipment at the Platteville Police Department so they can connect to the fiber loop.

**598<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 598<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments for Terry Lyght in Town of Harrison and Sam and Paul Stoltzfus in Town of Hickory Grove. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve RZ23-19 and RZ23-20. Motion carried by voice vote.

**2024 Budget Workshop:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the 2024 budget requests. Degenhardt outlined a few major items that were included by departments. The budget reflects a 4%

wage increase for employees starting in January 2024. There is a 14.5% increase in health insurance premiums so the draft budget still needs to be adjusted. There was a small decrease in HRA contributions charged to each department. An increase of 5% in workers' compensation premiums. There is an increase in retirement rate and protective rate. There is an estimated 13% increase in sales tax revenue over budgeted 2023. There is an increase in shared revenue. The levy limit for 2024 is 1.142%. The mill rate may be decreasing this year to approximately \$2.96. Orchard Manor will be funding all their capital outlay items with the fund balance. The shortfall right now is around \$400,000. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to refer the 2024 budget back to the Executive Committee for final review. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Easement for Alliant Energy:** Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to postpone action until the December meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**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 County:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. Robert Scallon, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Huber Resolution:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the Huber resolution. Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the Huber Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Prepared Live – Dispatch Software Program:** Chris Johl, Communications Supervisor presented the request. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for Prepared Live - Dispatch Software Program. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Excused (Day) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Hazard Mitigation Resolution:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the resolution. Donald Splinter, second by Kathy Kopp made the motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Mass Notification System:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Carol Beals, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the mass notification system with the first year cost to come from the PHEP Health Department carryover fund; if that does not materialize then the cost would be recovered through the general fund contingent on MFA being included in the software. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Excused (Day) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on IWT letter:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to send the IWT letter on Grant County letterhead and forward to state representation, PSC and WCA. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the payment of \$480 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Admin – Patrick Schroeder gave a report  
Ag & Extension/Fair – Patrick Schroeder gave a report  
ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report  
CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report  
Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report  
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Action taken on items today  
Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report  
Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report  
Highway – Don Splinter gave a report  
Social Services – Nothing to report  
Orchard Manor/Farm – Robert Keeney gave a report  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report  
Veterans – Nothing to report  
Railroad – Gary Ranum gave a report

**Adjournment:** Robert Scallon, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn until November 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
November 14, 2023  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

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 the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room and one (1) vacancy: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Adam Day and Patrick Schroeder asked to be excused.

**Approval of Agenda:** John Beinborn, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the agenda with one correction. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney made the Board aware that Governor Evers has announced the winners of 2023 Vets Ready Employer Awards. Grant County was listed under the small employers. Keeney thanked the Veteran's Office and employers in Grant County for the recognition.

The Alliant easements are not part of this month's agenda because it was tabled for a later meeting. There have been some addition requests that need to be collected before action can be taken.

Per recommendation of the Executive and Administrative Committees next month there will be discussion on the Administration of Grant County. Information was sent to all Board members about a presentation done by Andy Phillips and WCA called in The Board Room. There is also information in the May 2023 WCA magazine pertaining to that subject. If there are any other resources that any board member would like to have for the meeting let Chairman Keeney know.

Chairman Keeney announced that all candidacy packets were ready. Nomination papers cannot be circulated until December 1<sup>st</sup> and need to be returned January 2, 2024. For those Board members that do not plan to run again, the Non Candidacy paper needs to be filled out by December 22, 2023.

**Appointments:** Porter Wagner, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Eileen Nickels to a three-year term on Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant – Amy Miller, Director of Nursing presented the request for the Health Department. Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

EMPG & EPCRA – Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Gary Northouse, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

HMEP – Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kinship Grant – Fred Naatz, Social Services Director presented the request. Robert Scallon, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust Grant – Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the request. Donald Splinter, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman spoke about the last six sites being locked in. The bid packages are being put together with advertising to be done next week with a turnaround date of December 19<sup>th</sup>. The work should begin in January 2024 with completion in November 2024. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director explained that IT team members have been working at the current five sites. They have been installing routers, Wi-Fi access points, surveillance cameras, along with temperature and humidity sensors at each tower site. IT is also working with the Village of Potosi for Wi-Fi in the downtown area and starting the project of Wi-Fi for the Village of Muscoda.

**Update on Opioid Settlement Task Force:** Chairman Keeney explained that the Task Force has met numerous times and have made good progress. Funding was allocated for the 2024 budget from the opioid settlement funding. Currently there is around \$300,000 in that account. The Task Force is working

through some guidelines using other counties templates. The Task Force is hoping to have guidelines done in the near future so dispersal of funds can be done in 2024.

**599<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 599<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments for William Inter Vivos Trust & Goke Evelyn Trust in the Town of South Lancaster, Casey Roelli in the Town of Clifton and Timothy Piparo in the Town of Hickory Grove. Porter Wagner, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve RZ23-21, RZ23-22 and RZ23-23. Motion carried by voice vote with one Abstaining (Mumm).

**CSM for Potosi property:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the CSM for the Potosi tower site property. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Convene to Public Hearing for 2024 Budget:** Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to convene to the public hearing for the 2024 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Reconvene to County Board meeting:** Diane Nelson, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to reconvene to the County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adoption of the 2024 Budget:** Gary Ranum, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the 2024 budget. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #37-22 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2023, Collectable in 2024:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve resolution #37-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #38-22 Regarding the Investment of County Funds:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution #38-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #39-22 Regarding County Orders:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Robert Scallon, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve resolution #39-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #40-22 Authorizing Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,350,000:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. Roger Guthrie, second by Donald Splinter made a motion be it resolved that Grant County shall borrow the sum of \$1,350,000 at 6% interest from Royal Bank with a maturity of 03/29/2024 as a general obligation of the County, and that the Chairperson of the County Board and County Clerk shall execute the necessary customary and usual documents to effect such borrowing. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #41-22 Regarding General Tax Levy:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve resolution #41-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #42-22 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2024:** Joyce Roling, Human Resources Director presented the resolution. Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #43-22 Establishing Grant County Board Chair Salary for 2024:** Joyce Roling, Human resources Director presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #44-22 County Construction & Maintenance during the calendar year 2024:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Donald Splinter, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #45-22 Regarding County Road Aid – Townships:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #46-22 Regarding County Road Aid- Villages:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Diane Nelson, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #47-22 Regarding County Road Aid – Cities:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Resolution #48-22 County Aid Bridge Construction:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Diane Nelson, second by Gary Northouse made the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$640 contingent on approval from the Fair/Extension Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to forego the committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Robert Scallon, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to adjourn until December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
December 19, 2023  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

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Roll Call was taken with sixteen (16) members present in the room and one (1) vacancy: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey.

**Approval of Agenda:** John Beinborn, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Roger Guthrie, second Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney received an email from Maple Street Daycare. They are in the process of remodeling a building on the south side of town. They are looking for a letter of support.

**Appointments:** There were no appointments.

**Grants:** There were no grants.

**Memoriam for Beverly Hartnett:** Chairman Keeney read the memoriam for Beverly Hartnett.

RESOLUTION #49-22  
IN MEMORIAM OF BEVERLY HARTNETT

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Beverly Hartnett has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hartnett served as the Grant County Treasurer for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, her many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory her 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 Beverly Hartnett 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, County Clerk

Carol Beals, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Beverly Hartnett. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Administrator presentation from Andy Phillips and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf from WCA:** Andy Phillips and Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf gave a presentation County Government Administrator options. They then answered questions relating to the role of a County Administrator.

**Discussion and Possible Action Resolution on the creation of a County Administrator:** Chairman Keeney explained that there are two resolutions before the Board. The resolutions are a choice of Administrator or Administrator/Finance Director. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve the resolution for County Administrator pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.18 (1). A roll call vote was taken with eleven (11) Yes (Ranum, Northouse, Scallon, Keeney, Sanson, Beals, Nelson, Kopp, Wagner, Beinborn and Splinter), five (5) No (Guthrie, Mumm, Day, Schroeder and Lucey) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the funding for Public Administration Associates, LLC services related to the recruitment of the Finance Director/County Auditor:** Roger Guthrie, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve the out of budget spending to hire Public Administration Associates for the recruitment of a Finance Director/County Auditor. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) No (Schroeder) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion passed.

**Discussion and Possible action on easement for Alliant Energy:** There are three areas that Alliant Energy is looking for an easement. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve all three easements with contingency on FEMA approval for the Jackson Street parcel. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised that they are currently working through the USDA requirements. Bids are ready to be sent out with a return date of February. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that the IT Department in conjunction with the Maintenance Department has been installing equipment at various sites.

**Discussion and possible action to finalize the Potosi property transfer:** Chairman Keeney advised that the deed has been recorded.

**Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of property:** Robert Scallon, second by John Beinborn made a motion to convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of property. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) vacancy,

therefore motion passed. Chairman Keeney asked for the IT Director, Maintenance Director and Unified Director to stay in the room.

**Return to open session:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on closed session item:** Gary Northouse, second by Porter Wagner made a motion for Corporation Counsel, County Board Chair and the County Clerk to negotiate an offer to purchase. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the payment of \$320. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Chairman Keeney advised that the committee reports would be forfeited due to the length of the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Robert Scallon, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until January 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
January 16, 2024  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

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 the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the county website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Rick Sanson, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Porter Wagner and Brian Lucey. Present virtually two (2) members: Adam Day and Patrick Schroeder. Carol Beals, Robert Scallon and Donald Splinter asked to be excused. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Adam Day and Patrick Schroeder to participate and vote by Zoom per Board rules. Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the two (2) members to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Agenda:** Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Porter Wagner, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney advised the Board that the agreement with PAA for the County Administrator has been signed and the kick off meeting has been held. PAA has posted the Finance Director/Auditor position with closing on February 5, 2024. The Executive Committee will select finalists February 13, 2024 and interviews will be held at the end of February.

**Appointments:** Gary Northouse, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve Krogen's Do It Best as the DNR Emergency Fire Warden. Motion carried by voice vote.

Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the appointment of David Swanson to the Southwest Wisconsin Library System Board of Trustees. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roger Guthrie, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve Jon Knautz as Highway Commissioner for the 2023-2024 term. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** There were no grants.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised that bid packets have been released for the next phase. The bid opening will take place February 6, 2024. The bid approval will go before the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee February 12, 2024, with substantial completion on December 2024 and final completion March 2025. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that the IT group has been working with the fiber optics installer for invoices. IT has installed a fiber loop router at the Platteville Police Department.

**Discussion and possible action on Resolution in support of increasing number of Deputies for the Grant County Sheriff's Office to replace jailers through jailer attrition:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the resolution to the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 in support of increasing number of Deputies for the Grant County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Grant County Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendment:** Erik Heagle, Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Director presented the updated plan maps. Porter Wagner, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the amendment to the Grant County Farmland Preservation Plan Maps. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Resolution establishing Ad Hoc Committee for Administrator Selection:** The County will be working with PAA for the recruitment of an Administrator. PAA would like to work with a team of five (5) members. Porter Wagner, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 establishing an Ad Hoc Committee for Administrator Selection. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Day).

**Discussion and possible action on appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for Administrator Selection:** Per the Resolution Chairman Keeney advised that the five-member team should consist of two members from the Administrative Committee, which talks about long range planning and goals of the County and the Executive Committee, which oversees the majority of the main functions of the County. Chairman Keeney recommended that himself, Kathy Kopp, Joseph Mumm, Roger Guthrie and Gary Ranum be appointed to the Committee. Once the Committee is selected there will be a kick off meeting that will take place at 1:00 p.m. today. The next meeting would take place on January 30, 2024 and if the documents were finalized at that time, recruitment would start on February 1, 2024. John Beinborn,

second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve and appoint Robert Keeney, Kathy Kopp, Joseph Mumm, Roger Guthrie and Gary Ranum as the Ad Hoc Administrator Selection Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

At 10:39 a.m. Adam Day asked to be excused for the rest of the meeting.

**Discussion and possible action on approval of contract with Public Administration Associates, LLC:**

Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the service agreement with Public Administration Associates, LLC. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of property:** Joseph Mumm, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of property. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) vacancy and four (4) excused, therefore motion passed.

**Return to open session:** Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Allocation of Funds for purchase of Property by Grant County:**

Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to support the offer to purchase with the funding to come from the general fund. A roll call vote was taken with twelve Yes, one (1) vacancy and four (4) excused, therefore motion passed.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the payment of \$960. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Chairman Keeney advised that the committee reports would be forfeited due to the length of the meeting.

**Adjournment:** John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to adjourn until February 20, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
February 20, 2024  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

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was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the county website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with thirteen present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Robert Scallon and Roger Guthrie asked to be excused. Carol Beals was absent and there is one vacancy.

**Approval of Agenda:** Rick Sanson, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Donald Splinter, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney received a letter from the DNR advising that a grant was given to the DNR to purchase land in the Town of Woodman and the Town of Marion.

Chairman Keeney thanked Unified Community Services for the Gold Award as a Veteran Ready employer.

**Appointments:** There were no appointments.

**Grants:** There were no grants.

**Legislative update from Molly Bohn Field Representative for Congressman Derrick Van Orden:** Molly Bohn advised that Congressman Van Orden closed over 800 cases and returned over \$500,000 back to the constituents. Voting on the 24 appropriation bills will be happening in the next few weeks. Congressman Van Orden is hoping to secure funding for the Lancaster Fire Department. Congressman Van Orden is continuing to work on the Farm Bill. Congressman Van Orden is a co-sponsor for the Transportation Infrastructure. Molly Bohn advised that if there are any questions to reach out to her.

Carol Beals arrived at 10:07 a.m.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised that there were seven bids that were submitted. The Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee recommended giving the award to Finish Excavating. The goal is to complete the Bloomington tower site before the Blake's Prairie Fair in July and then proceed to the Millville tower site. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that the reason they are looking at the Bloomington and Millville tower sites is for the Wi-Fi capabilities. IT had to make wiring harnesses to install at the shelters. Once all five shelters are live there will be environmental monitoring, video monitoring and Wi-Fi in the area. IT is talking to other Grant County entities and Iowa County about projects for the fiber loop. RACOM is working on how to connect the fiber to the radio towers.

**600<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 600<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments for Gary and Joyce Burkholder in the Town of Lima and Karen Jensen in the Town of Paris. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve RZ24-01 and RZ24-02. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Rules of the Board:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made the motion to change the verbiage as described; removal of, in the absence of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair under Article I, change the verbiage under Section B to total membership, Section C add information to match the agenda, under Section H, Education, change the word urged to strongly recommend, add an “L” to Rail and Transit and in the second paragraph on the first page, remove the Administrative Committee and replace with the full County Board discussing the written changes at one meeting and a decision taking place at a second meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes (Beinborn and Beals).

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the payment of \$480 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Ag & Extension Committee – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Adam Day gave a report.

Board of Health – Carol Beals gave a report.

Library – Rick Sanson gave a report.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Diane Nelson gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

Unified Community Services – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.

River Rail Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Veterans – Gary Ranum gave a report.

**Adjournment:** John Beinborn, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until March 19, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
March 19, 2024  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
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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 the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse, on the county website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with 13 present in the room: Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Gary Northouse, Adam Day and Patrick Schroeder asked to be excused and there is one vacancy.

**Approval of Agenda:** Porter Wagner, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Diane Nelson, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Michael Goff, Business Development Manager from Pattern Energy gave a brief update on the status of the wind farm that will be coming into Grant, Iowa and Lafayette County.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the County Administrator recruitment process. The selection committee screened nine candidates down to two candidates. The two candidates are scheduled to be in Grant County on Friday. The candidates will have a tour of the facilities and meeting with department heads. The meet and greet will take place at the Youth and Ag Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. That will allow everyone the opportunity to interact with the candidates. Interviews will start at 1:30 p.m. with deliberation after the two interviews are complete.

Chairman Keeney advised that April is County Government month and there will be staff appreciation meals. The dates have been set for each campus.

Chairman Keeney thanked the Tourism Council for distributing the Visitors Guide.

**Appointments:** Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Al Baker to the Grant County Housing Authority. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Employee Recognitions:** Chairman Keeney recognized Peter Janisch for his 27 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Leslie Gulliford for her 26 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Sarah Campbell for her 21 years of service.

**Grants:** Tonya White, County Clerk presented the grant on behalf of the Grant County Fairgrounds. Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the DRA grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communications Project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised that Finish Excavating will be starting the Bloomington site on April 8<sup>th</sup> with the goal of being done in July. They will also be working on the Millville site. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that his team is working on moving all the NexGen 911 to the fiber optic loop. RACOM is working through a plan to connect the fiber optic loop to the Community Services Building and to the Platteville Police Department.

**601<sup>st</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 601<sup>st</sup> Zoning Amendments for Bollant Farms Inc. in the Town of Wingville and Richard and Judith Henkel in the Town of Potosi. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve RZ24-03 and RZ24-04. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-03 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owning on the 2020 Tax Rolls (2021 Tax Certificates):** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2024-03. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-04 Authorizing Salaries for County Clerk, Register of Deeds and County Treasurer for the term 2025-2028:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve resolution 2024-04. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Unified Community Services request to use \$2,208 from the General Fund for Institute Supplement Payment:** Holly Knapp, UCS Director explained the request. John Beinborn, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the request of \$2,208 from the General Fund. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and One (1) Vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Military Leave policy update:** Joyce Roling, Human Resources Director presented the policy update. Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the change in language in the military leave policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Rules of the Board:** Chairman Keeney explained how the process will be for the reorganization meeting in April. Many Counties are structured like the proposed rules. A majority of County Board Chairs and per statute County Board Chairs are to appoint committee members. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to adopt the amended Rules of the Grant County Board of Supervisors as presented, with the following changes; on page 2 under recognition, it shall say and/or hand raise, under page 3, change the word wish to which, under Highway Committee, strike elected in both positions and strike elected on Health and Human Services Committee. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes (Beinborn and Beals).

**Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchases of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of a property:** Robert Scallon, second by Joseph Mumm made the motion to convene to closed session. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) excused and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Return to open session:** Porter Wagner, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to convene to open session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Donald Splinter asked to be excused for the remainder of the meeting.

**Discussion and possible action on occupancy of property at 237 W. Maple Street:** Grant County has acquired the former BMO bank building. There was some discussion at the Executive Committee meeting about occupancy. The Executive Committee recommended to the County Board that Unified Community Services should occupy that facility. Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Garry Pluemer and Shane Drinkwater. Garry showed the Board a possible plan for additional offices to accommodate more staff members. Shane Drinkwater explained that a fiber optic path has been completed to the building, installed three cameras that cover all the entrances and established an environmental sensor in the boiler area. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to have Unified Community Services work with IT and Maintenance on a plan for repurposing the building at 237 W. Maple Street for occupancy of Unified Community Services. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the payment of \$160 to the Grant County Humane Society for one dog. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Committee reports were foregone.

**Adjournment:** Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to adjourn to call of the chair.  
Motion carried by voice vote.